

Valborg – the handbag



After finishing the blanket and the pillow made with the yarn Tilda Cotton Eco by Svarta Fåret, I wanted to make something small with the scrap yarns. Didn't think it would be enough for a bag made of 50 squares (and I still have yarn left!).

Material

Yarn: Tilda Cotton Eco by Svarta Fåret, one ball each of the following colors: 201, 208, 212, 222, 224, 232, 236, 237, 241, 245, 248, 249, 261, 267, 273, 274, 280, 282, 286 and 3 balls of white number 204.

Crochet hook: 3,0 mm

Gauge: Gauge is not important, if your squares end up a bit small or bigger might affect the

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size of the bag a little bit but you can always adjust size a bit when blocking.

Size: Ca. 28 * 28 cm.

Other stuff: Yarnneedle for sewing and a couple of handles (optional, you can also crochet the handles.)

Squarepattern: (US terms)

Round 1: 12 dc into magic ring. (First dc = chain2) End with an "invisible join", cut and sew in yarn. (=12 dc's)

Round 2: 2 dc's in every stitch of previous round. Start with a standing dc (or chain 2 if you prefer that) and end with an "invisible join", cut and sew in yarn (=24 dc's)

Round 3: *(1 dc, ch 2, 1 dc) in same stitch, 5 dc's*. Repeat 4 times total. Start with a standing dc (or chain 2 if you prefer that) and end with an "invisible join", cut and sew in yarn (= 28 dc's and 8 chains.)



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Start:

Crochet 50 squares following above pattern. I made approximately 3 innercircles per color. Every other square got grey and every other black round 2 and all got white round 3's. The square will look almost like a circle when you've done and you need to block them individually before assembly.

Assemble the squares.

When all the squares are made and blocked you should lay them out into two squares with 25 squares in each. These will become the front and back of the bag.

You can sew them together if you like but I have crocheted mine together with the "flat slip stitch granny join"- method, and you'll find a great tutorial here:

<https://www.craftpassion.com/flat-slip-stitch-granny-join/2/>. Make sure the slipstithes don't end up too tight.



Before I cut the yarn after the last assmblly row, I crochet with sc through back loop around the whole square. In the chains in the corners I crochet 2 sc in each chain.



Make the other panel the same way. If you like you can block the panels as it most likely will bubble a bit. I didn't since I liked the structure the bubbles made.

Side

With white yarn (or other preferable color) chain 10, turn make a sc in second chain from hook and in the following 8 chains, turn. On the next row: *chain 1, 9 sc, turn*. Repeat *-* until the side is approximately as long as three sides of the bag. Don't cut yarn just yet, in case you will have to adjust the length once you attach it.

Crochet the side and one panel together by holding the side behind the panel and the panel's right side facing you. Using white yarn, single crochet in the back loops of the panel and through the side. (The stitches will be visible on the right side.) You'll see when you reach the end of the side whether you'll have to adjust the length of the side.

Attach the other panel the same way with the other side of the panel.

Before you cut the thread continue to crochet a round of single crochet through back loops around the top of the bag.

Cut thread and sew in ends.

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Baghandles

If you prefer you can of course crochet a baghandle. I found these at a thriftstore (yey!) and thought they would be great on this bag.



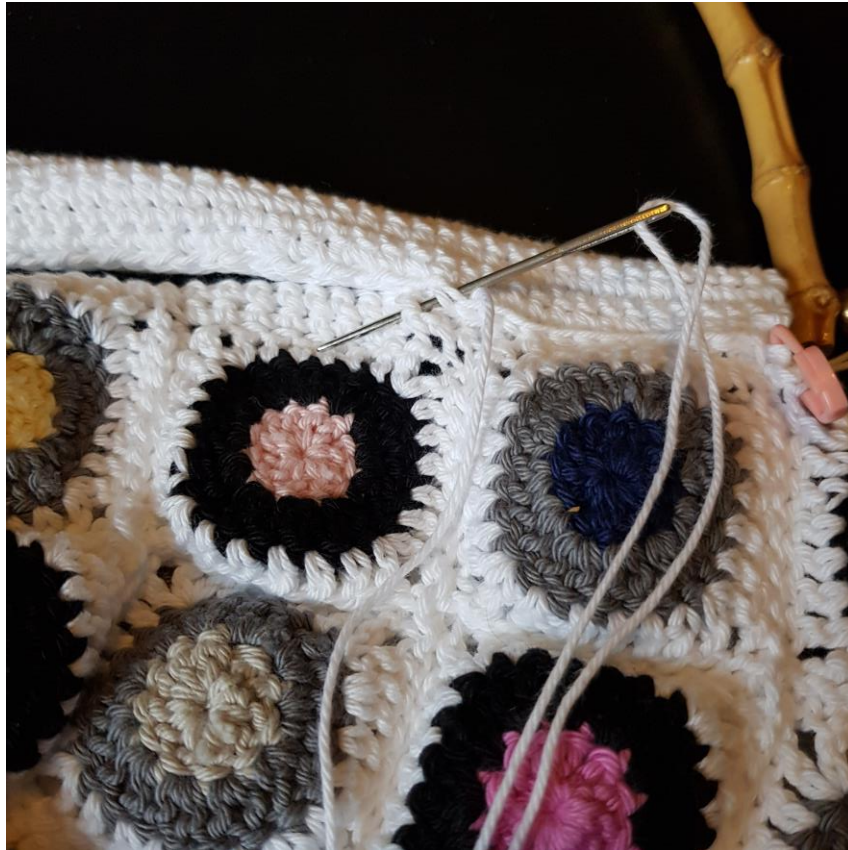
I attached the baghandles with a simple crocheted strip. You might have to adjust it to fit your particular handles, but here's the idea:

To match my handles I chain 36, turn, 1 sc into the 2nd chain from hook and then 1 sc in each chain (= 35 sc's). Turn, *ch 1, 35 sc, turn* Repeat *-* a total of 8 rows (=a total of 9 rows). Save enough yarn for sewing later. Make another one.



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I sewed the strips to the handles first and then I sewed them to the back of each panel, one row down.



I chose not to line the bag with fabric as I think it will work anyway, but it probably would look excellent with a pretty fabric lining.

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