

Encourage a child's love of exploring nature and collecting treasures with this colorful striped bag reminding of rainbows at the end of those summer thunderstorms!

### Sizes and Materials List ...

Size:	Approx. 4.5" w. x 4.25" d.
Hook(s):	US D/3 (3.25 mm.) crochet hook or size needed to achieve gauge
Yarn:	Pisgah Yarn & Dyeing Co., Inc. Article 950 Honeysuckle Yarns size 6/3 [Cotton, 315 yds/3 oz skein/ball] or similar cotton 3-ply baby fashion weight cotton thread (size 3)
Colors & Approx. Yardage	(A) #1049 Nu Grape (Dark Blue/Purple), 50 yds (B) #1028 Dutch Blue (Medium Blue), 50 yds (C) #1062 Emerald (Green), 50 yds (D) #1011 Sundance (Orange), 50 yds (E) #1010 Daisy Mae (Yellow), 50 yds
Notions	Yarn Needle 24 inches 1/4" ribbon for drawstring
Gauge:	22 sts & 24 rows = 4" in single crochet rib  Always take time to check your gauge
	EASY

### Notes ...

Construction	Work in back loop only of each single crochet throughout to create the ribbed look of this project.  Colors are changed every 2 rows to form rainbow stripes. Cut and rejoin colors as needed.  Eyelets for drawstring are created on row 5.  It's a good idea to count stitches every row to maintain stitch count of 50 sc.
Stitches Used	Chain (ch) Slip Stitch (sl st) Single Crochet (sc)
Abbreviations	beginning (beg) chain (ch) each (ea) hook (hk) repeat (rep) skip (sk) stitch (st)

## Back Loop Only (blo)

### **Special Stitches**

Work sc in back loop of each stitch.



#### **Instructions** ...

#### Bag

Row 1	With color A, ch 51, sc in second ch from hk and in ea ch across. (50 sc)
Row 2	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of first sc and in ea sc across, changing to color B in last st.
Row 3	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of first sc and in ea sc across.
Row 4	Ch 1, turn sc in BLO of first sc and in ea sc across, changing to color C in last st.
Row 5	(Eyelet row) Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of first sc and in ea of next 5 sc, ch 2, sk next 2 sc, sc in BLO of next sc (eyelet formed), sc in BLO of ea sc to last 8 sc, ch 2, sk next 2 sc, sc in BLO of next sc (eyelet formed), sc in BLO of last 5 sc.
Row 6	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of first sc and in ea sc and eyelet ch across, changing to Color D in last st.
Row 7	Rep row 3.
Row 8	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of first sc and in ea sc across, changing to color E in last sc.
Row 9	Rep row 3.
Row 10	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of first sc and in ea sc across, changing to color A in last sc.
Row 11	Rep row 3.
Row 12	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of first sc and in ea sc across, changing to color B in last st.
Rows 13-32	Rep Rows 3-12 twice. At end of last row, do not change color but continue with color A for side seam.

#### Finishing ...

Fold bag in half with right sides together and eyelets aligned at one end. Seam side of bag with slip st through both thicknesses. Fasten off and cut thread. Rejoin thread at other side of bag and repeat slip st seam.

Weave in all tails. Turn bag right side out.

For drawstring, beginning and ending at one side seam, weave ribbon through eyelets (Note: after weaving through eyelets, bring ribbon ends through from inside of bag to outside at side seam about 1/4"

away on either side of seam.) Tie loosely to pull bag closed, then tie ends of ribbon together in a knot about 1" from ends. Trim ends with diagonal cut.



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