CROCHET PATTERN

Tourist rucksack/backpack “As Real One”

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Difficulty level - intermediate. The toy is approx. (H*W*L*) 8.5 * 6.5 * 5.5 cm. Pay attention that your toy can be smaller or bigger depending on the materials you use and your manner to crochet.

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Preface

Hello, my dear knitting yarn! Let's make this interesting and extremely useful thing for every traveler - tourist rucksack!

The touristic business is well developed nowadays and producers can offer a great variety of tourist equipment. Just take a look at this must-have item without which a tourist cannot be a real tourist. It is a tourist rucksack. Tourist rucksacks have endured great changes over the last 30 years. The modern rucksack is extremely different from its ancestors. Now they are equipped with a very convenient suspension system. Producers don't use canvas any more - material of the past century. Instead of it, rucksacks of the XXI century are made of bright materials, which are light but strong at the same time. Modern rucksacks are equipped with comfortable straps, various belts and ties, wise systems of closing, as well as different pockets and compartments. Well, it is not possible to state all the advantages of modern rucksacks.

As you understand, to make a rucksack, which is not different from a brand one is, a very difficult task requiring a lot of time and material. To be frank, this task is senseless. A factory-made rucksack can be an excellent present for those who like travelling. However, what can you do if the person you want to give a present to already has a perfect rucksack? Or you just cannot afford to buy a really good one (just imagine! A good brand rucksack can cost over RUR 10,000!).

A cute souvenir rucksack, which is so small that can fit into your palm, is also a perfect present. Believe me, no one tourist can ignore it. Moreover, the functions of this crocheted rucksack are not different from a real one.

When I was making this crocheted rucksack, I used a modern rucksack with 35-50 l. capacity as a guide. I tried to conserve its functionality: it has the entrance into the upper compartment - cone, the upper flop, adjustable straps and belt, side pockets and central ties. The cone and flop can be drawn up.

To make this mini tourist rucksack

YOU WILL NEED

- Any acrylic or cotton yarn to make the rucksack itself and straps. I used Alize Diva yarn (100% microfiber, 350 m/100 g). *This is wonderful yarn with rich color range. It feels like silk. Toys made with this yarn keep shape perfectly.* I use the yarn of the following colors: violet (178) - main color (MC) and gray (167) - complement color (CC). You will need about half a skein of violet color and leftover of gray color.





- Vita Cotton Coco (100% cotton, 2400 m/50 g) of black color (3852). This yarn is 100% mercerized cotton. *You can also use Iris yarn or any cotton yarn of the similar weight.* You will need a very small amount of the cotton yarn.
- 1.0 and 1.75 mm Prym crochet hooks
- Tapestry needle
- Decorative buttons or beads, size 5 mm. You will need 5 buttons/beads.
- 5 mm beads with the hole no more than 2 mm.

ABBREVIATIONS:

ch - chain
sc - single crochet
sc blo – single crochet through the back loop only
dc - double crochet
tr - treble crochet
incr - increase: 2 sc in one st
dec - decrease: 2 sts tog
shift st - shift stitch – an additional sc in next st and only after that change the position of the marker
MR – magic ring
RS – right side
WS – wrong side

Let's start!

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Before you start crocheting, study the construction of the rucksack. It is necessary to understand what you are going to make and why you need it. It is quite interesting and useful.

I have found these pictures on the Internet.





The flap is the cover of the rucksack and helps store different small things that can be useful when you travel.
The upper compartment (cone): when you pack a rucksack the cone makes the volume bigger and it provides containment of the things in the main compartment.

Elastic tier is originally used to tie a hard cap, but it also can be used to hang other things, for example a raincoat or mat.

The lower compartment is used to carry warm thick clothes. Sometimes rucksacks don't have this lower compartment which is not really convenient as it makes it difficult to reach things on the bottom of the rucksack. As a rule, only small rucksacks don't have this lower compartment.

Compressive ties are used to make the volume smaller after you have packed your rucksack.

You understand the functions of the other parts of a rucksack, I guess.

The main compartment (body)

Work with sc in continuous spiral with RS facing you. Work with Alize Diva yarn and 1.75 mm crochet hook.

Start with the bottom.
1) Ch 11
2) sc in 2nd ch from the hook, 9 sc, turn work and continue along the opposite side of the beginning chain: 10 sc (20 sts)
3) 2 sc in next st, 8 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 2, 8 sc, 2 sc in next st (24)
4) sc, 2 sc in next st, 8 sc, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc, 2 sc in next st, 8 sc, 2 sc in next st, sc (28 sts)
5) 2 sc, 2 sc in next st, 8 sc, 2 sc in next st, 4 sc, 2 sc in next st, 8 sc, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc (32 sts)
6) 3 sc, 2 sc in next st, 8 sc, 2 sc in next st, 6 sc, 2 sc in next st, 8 sc, 2 sc in next st, 3 sc + shift st (36 sts)
7) 2 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 2, 9 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 2, 5 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 2, 9 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 2, 3 sc (44 sts)
8) 3 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 2, 11 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 2, 7 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 2, 11 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 2, 4 sc (52 sts)
9) 3 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 4, 11 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 4, 7 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 4, 11 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 4, 4 sc (68 sts)
10) 5 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 4, 15 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 4, 11 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 4, 15 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 4, 6 sc (84 sts)
11) sc in each st around (84)

Attention! Steam the bottom of the rucksack. It is critical to do this at this step as later it will be difficult to steam the bottom. Look at the photos below and you will see the difference.

Before steaming | After steaming



I didn't steam-iron the bottom in the very first rucksack I made and I was really sorry about that afterwards. Steamed bottom looks much neater.

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