

# HANDBAG

in blue & orange



# Blue & orange handbag

This autumn was beautiful again.

I ordered a new kind of rectangular handles into which the purse fits in the middle. They stick to the purse and are secured with a few small screws.

I had to try them on right away and since I was inspired by a walk outside, I reached for orange... this time orange-yellow-blue wool and a solid blue wool that matched the shade of blue in the heather ball.

Dimensions: 34 × 22.5 cm

Depth: 10 cm

## USED TECHNIQUES

Preparing a Square or Rectangular Base

Partial and full Spiral Locker Hooking

Sewing in Tails

Assembling Projects

Sewing of Fabric Lining

Preparing of Reinforced Bottom

Framing the Base

## MATERIAL INVENTORY

Kanava Size 2 (#5)

Looping Areas: 1 ball of heather and 1 ball of blue heavy knitting yarn

Locking medium: black cotton yarn

Lining: cotton canvas in blue color

Handle: wooden, rectangular, with cross-section for inserting a handbag

Reinforced bottom: plywood 1.5 mm in size approx. 23.5 x 8.5 cm

Looping hook

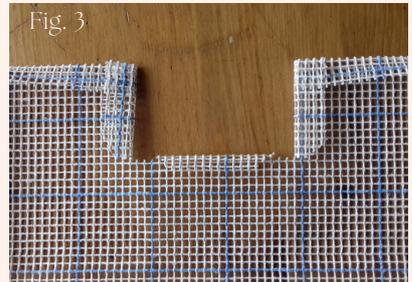
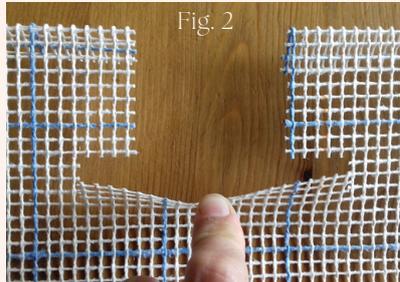
Tapestry needle

Sewing needle

Blue thread

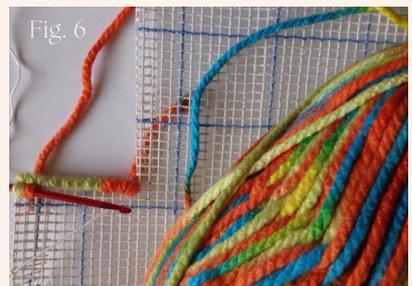
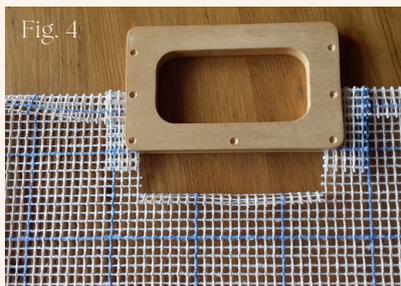
Permanent marker

- 1 Cut three pieces of mesh canvas: 2 pieces 72 squares wide and 48 squares tall for the front and back sides and one piece 68 squares wide and 23 squares tall for the bottom of the purse. Fold over the edges of each piece of canvas by creasing the rows indicated by the gray areas in the pattern on page 5.



- 2 Cut the top of the front and back pieces for the handle (see Fig. 2 and 3). Carefully test both sides to make sure the handle fits firmly (Fig. 4).

- 3 Mark on the canvas with a marker where the handle ends and where you begin looping.



- 4 Fix the cut canvas edges in the area around the handle with super glue to prevent these parts from unraveling when looping. Let the glue dry completely (Fig. 5).

- 5 Start looping from the place where you marked the end of the handle (see Fig. 6).

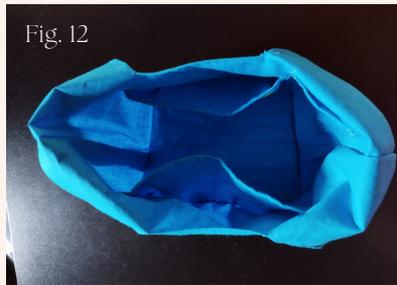
- 6 Stitch the front and back sides according to the pattern on page 5 using the semi-spiral method in the direction of the arrows on the pattern (Figs. 7 to 9).



- 7 Loop the lower part of the front and back sides perpendicular to the already looped part of the handbag (see Fig. 10).



- 8 Loop the bottom part using the spiral technique, see the pattern on page 5.
- 9 Hide all loose ends of wool and locking yarn on all three parts of the purse.
- 10 Whipstitch the front and back sides together with a tapestry needle. Whether you use brindle or solid blue wool is up to you. I used brindle.
- 11 Sew the lining of the handbag from the fabric. Create pockets on it according to your wishes (see Fig. 11 and 12). Sew two sets of magnetic closures on it at the ends equidistant from the center.
- 12 Hand sew the lining to the frame where the handle will be (Fig. 13).



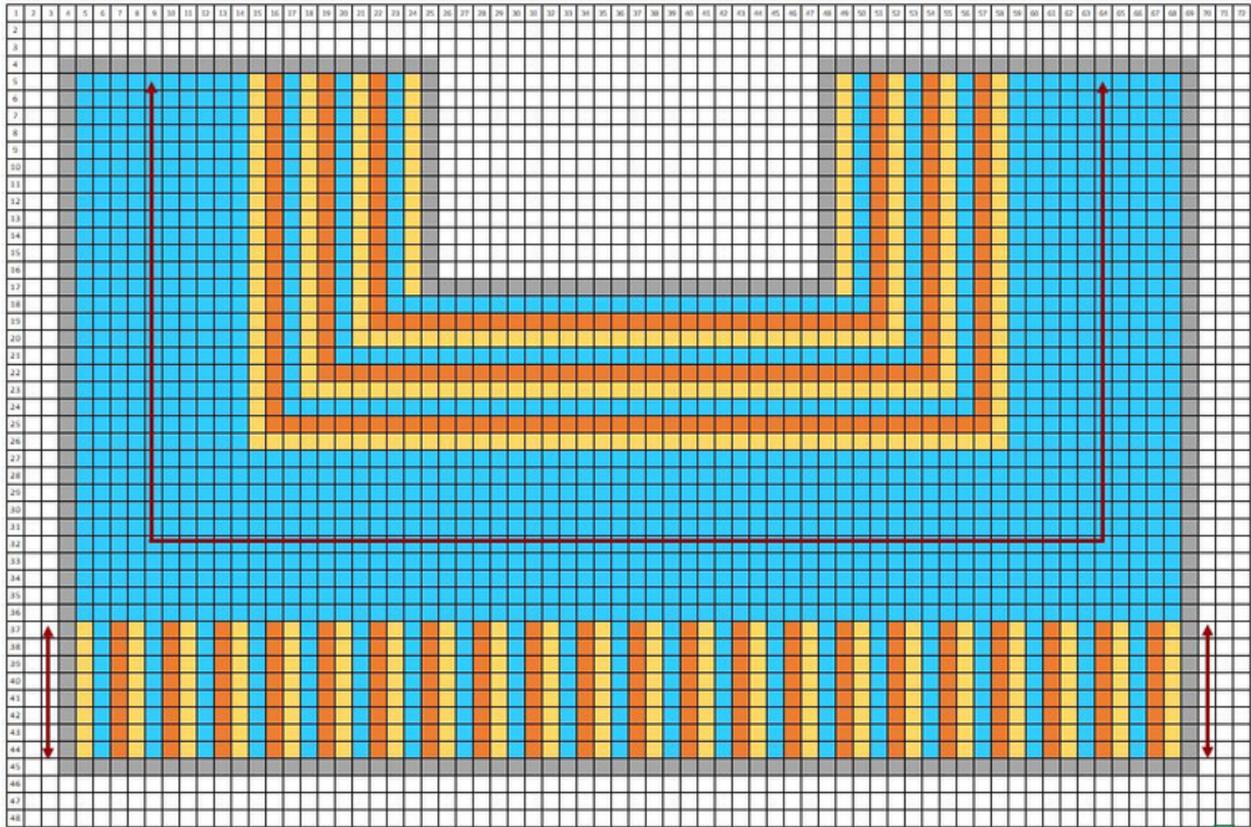
- 13 Try putting the handle in place with the canvas cut in the middle, including the lining. If it fits well, take it out and apply a strong textile adhesive, Chemopren, to the cut all around. Let it air out according to the instructions and put the handles firmly in place and secure their position with small screws (Fig. 14).



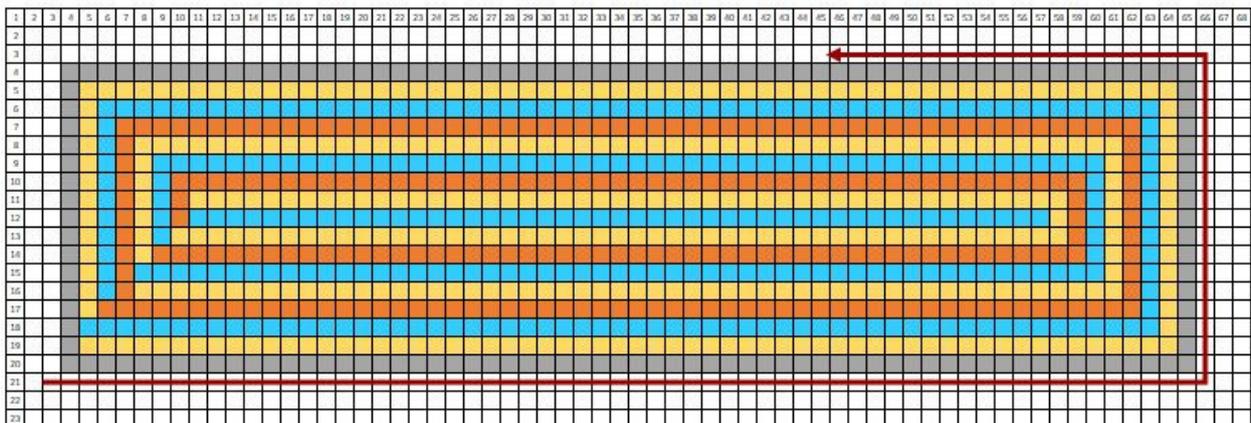
- 14 Sew the bottom corners of the lining to the edge of canvas with two stitches in each bottom corner. Whipstitch the three sides of the bottom part to the back and front sides of the purse with a tapestry needle (Fig. 15).
- 15 Cut a piece of plywood 23.5 x 8.5 cm in size, align and round the edges and corners with sandpaper. Try inserting the rounded bottom with the unsewn edge. If it is difficult to insert, adjust the size of the bottom with sandpaper.
- 16 After inserting the reinforced bottom, whipstitch the rest of the bottom part of the purse to the pursue sides (Fig. 15).
- 17 Whipstitch the top edge of the canvas by tapestry needle and hand sew the lining with a back stitch to the top edge of the purse with a needle and thread (Fig. 16).

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FRONT AND BACK SIDE  
(see page 3 and 4 for project instructions)



BOTTOM SIDE  
(see page 3 and 4 for project instructions)





## TIPS FOR YOU

You can place metal rings in the bend in the side parts and attach a chain to the bag for carrying over the shoulder.

When sewing the bottom piece, be careful to sew the bottom piece exactly in the middle of the side hem. If the bottom part misses the side hem, it will spoil the final look of the handbag.