

## Spring Petals Backpack

Original pattern by Susan Gater

10 June 2011: Beta version – this has not been test-crocheted. I have done my best to be clear and accurate, but you know how it is. Please let me know if you find any problems with this pattern!

### **Materials:**

- Sugar n' Cream 100% cotton worsted weight in the following six colors:
  - Main Color (MC): Hot Blue -- 1-2 skeins
  - Color A: Yellow -- 1 skein
  - Color B: Hot Purple -- 1 skein
  - Color C: Hot Orange -- 1 skein
  - Color D: Hot Green -- 1 skein
  - Color E: Hot Pink -- 1 skein
- Size US J (6mm) crochet hook
- Size 8 (5mm) double-pointed knitting needles (optional)
- Yarn needle



Gauge is not important for this piece.

### **Directions:**

#### **Bag body:**

With MC, 6 sc in magic ring, join w sl st, ch1 (do not turn work between rounds throughout the project)

Round 1: 2 sc in each st around, joining with sl st in first st of rnd. (12 sc)

Rnd 2: sc in same sc as joining, 2 sc in next stitch, (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) five times, join with sl st to the first st of the rnd, ch 1. (18 sc)

Rnd 3: sc in same sc as joining and in next st, 2 sc in next stitch, (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) five times, join with sl st to the first st of the rnd, ch 1. (24 sc)

Rnd 4: sc in same sc as joining and in next 2 st, 2 sc in next stitch, (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc

in next st) five times, join with sl st to the first st of the rnd, ch 1. (30 sc)

Rnd 5: sc in same sc as joining and in next 3 st, 2 sc in next stitch, (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) five times, join with sl st to the first st of the rnd, ch 1. (36 sc)

Rnd 6: sc in same sc as joining and in next 4 st, 2 sc in next stitch, (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) five times, join with sl st to the first st of the rnd, ch 1. (42 sc)

Rnd 7: sc in same sc as joining and in next 5 st, 2 sc in next stitch, (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) five times, join with sl st to the first st of the rnd, ch 1. (48 sc)

Rnd 8: sc in same sc as joining and in next 6 st, 2 sc in next stitch, (sc in next 7 st, 2 sc in next st) five times, join with sl st to the first st of the rnd, ch 1. (54 sc)

Rnd 9: sc in same sc as joining and in next 7 st, 2 sc in next stitch, (sc in next 8 st, 2 sc in next st) five times, join with sl st to the first st of the rnd, ch 1. (60 sc)

Rnd 10: sc in same sc as joining and in next 8 st, 2 sc in next stitch, (sc in next 9 st, 2 sc in next st) five times, join with sl st to the first st of the rnd, ch 1. (66 sc)

Rnd 11: sc in same sc as joining and in next 9 st, 2 sc in next stitch, (sc in next 10 st, 2 sc in next st) five times, join with sl st to the first st of the rnd, ch 1. (72 sc)

Rnd 12: Working in back loops only, sc in same st as joining and in each st around. Join with sl st to the first st of the rnd, ch 3.

Rnd 13: Dc in next st and in each st around. Join with sc in the front loop of the first st of the rnd.

Rnd 14: Working in front loops only, skip next st, (5 dc in next st, skip next st, sc in next st, skip next st) around to last st. (18 petals) Finish off.

Rnd 15: Skip first two st. Working in *free back loops of Rnd 13*, join Color A with a sl st to the third st, ch 3, dc in next st and in each st around. Join with sc in the front loop of the third ch of beginning ch3.

Rnd 16: Working in front loops only, skip next st, (5 dc in next st, skip next st, sc in next st, skip next st) around to last st, join with sl st to first st of rnd. Finish off.

Rnds 17-48: Repeat Rnds 15-16 sixteen times more, changing to the next color in order at the end of Rnd 16. The color order, starting with Rnd 18, is C, D, E, MC, A, B, C, D, E, MC, A, B, C, D, E.

Rnd 49: Skip first two st. Working in free back loops of Rnd 47, join MC with sl st to the third st, ch3, dc in next two st, ch1, (skip next st, dc in next three st, ch 1) around, join with sl st to the third ch of beginning ch3.

Rnd 50: Working in both loops, sc in next st, skip next st, 5 dc in next st, skip next st, sc in next st, skip next st) around to last st, join with sl st to first sc of rnd. Finish off. Weave in ends.

Drawstring/handles:

Child (Adult)

Crochet method: With MC, make a chain approximately 50 (70) inches long. Dc in third ch from hook and in each ch across. Sew one end of drawstring to bottom of Rnd 13. Weave free end in and out through the ch1 spaces of Rnd 50 and sew to bottom of Rnd 13 next to the first end. Weave in ends.

Knitting method: With MC and using size US8 double-pointed knitting needles, make 6-stitch I-cord approximately 50 (70) inches long. Sew one end of cord to bottom of Rnd 13. Weave free end in and out through the ch1 spaces of Rnd 50 and sew to bottom of Rnd 13 next to the first end. Weave in ends.

