Camouflage Backpack

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PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

BACK

Row 1 (RS): Starting at top with A, ch 43, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. *(42 sc)*

Rows 2–68: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 69: Ch 1, **sc dec** *(see Stitch Guide)* in next 2 sc, sc in each st

SKILL LEVEL
■■□□ EASY

FINISHED SIZE
13 x 18½ x 6 inches

MATERIALS
- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (solids: 7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein; multis: 5 oz/244 yds/141g per skein):
  - 4 skeins #971 camouflage (A)
  - 1 skein #406 medium thyme (B)
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- 1⅛-inch-diameter black buttons: 2
- 4 silver 1-inch D-rings

GAUGE
13 sc = 4 inches; 16 sc rows = 4 inches

across to last 2 sc, sc dec in next 2 sc, turn. *(40 sc)*

Rows 70 & 71: Rep row 69. At the end of last rep, fasten off. *(36 sc)*

FRONT

Rows 1–71: Rep rows 1–71 of Back.

GUSSET

Row 1 (WS): With A, ch 156, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. *(155 sc)*

Rows 2–10: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn. At the end of row 10, fasten off.

Row 11: With WS facing, join A with sc in first ch of opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each ch across, turn. *(155 sc)*

Rows 12–20: Rep rows 2–10. At the end of Row 20, fasten off.

TOP FLAP

Rows 1–30: Rep rows 1–30 of Back. *(42 sc)*

Rows 31–40: Rep row 69 of Back. At the end of row 40, fasten off. *(22 sc)*

POCKET

Row 1 (RS): Starting at top with A, ch 29, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. *(28 sc)*

Rows 2–29: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 30: Ch 1, sc dec in next 2 sc, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc dec in next 2 sc, turn. *(26 sc)*

Rows 31 & 32: Rep row 30. At the end of row 32, fasten off. *(22 sc)*

POCKET GUSSET

Row 1 (WS): With A, ch 79, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. *(78 sc)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, fasten off.

Row 3: With WS facing, join A with sc in first ch of opposite side of foundation ch of row 1, sc in each rem ch across, turn. *(78 sc)*

Row 4: Rep row 2, fasten off.

POCKET FLAP

Row 1–11: Rep rows 1–11 of Pocket. *(28 sc)*

Rows 12–14: Rep rows 30–32 of Pocket. At the end of row 14, fasten off. *(22 sc)*

POCKET FLAP EDGING

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join B with sc in first ch of opposite side of foundation ch of row 1, sc in each ch across, ch 1, sc in edge of each row, sc in each of next 11 sc of row 14, ch 10, sl st in last sc made *(buttonhole)*, sc in each of next 11 sc on row 14, sc in side edge of each row, ch 1, join in beg sc, leaving a 30-inch length, fasten off.

HANDLE

Row 1: With B, leaving 9-inch length, ch 19, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. *(18 sc)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, leaving 9-inch length, fasten off.

TOP SHOULDER STRAP

Make 2.

Row 1: With B, leaving 12-inch length, ch 45, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. *(44 sc)*

Rows 2–4: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn. At the end of row 4, leaving 12-inch length, fasten off.

BOTTOM SHOULDER STRAP

Make 2.

Row 1: With B, leaving 12-inch length, ch 45, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. *(44 sc)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc dec in next 2 sc, turn. *(43 sc)*

Row 3: Ch 1, sc dec in next 2 sc, sc in each rem sc across, turn. *(42 sc)*

Row 4: Rep row 2, leaving 12-inch length, fasten off.

BACK & FRONT GUSSET SEAM

With WS of Back and Gusset tog, with Back facing and working through both thicknesses, join B with sc in edge of first sc of first row of Back and in last sc on last row of Gusset, *sc in edge of next row on Back and in same st on Gusset**, [sc in edge of next row on Back and in next st on Gusset] 6 times, rep from * 8 times, rep from * to **, rep between [ ] 5 times, sc in first st on last row of Back and in same st on Gusset, [sc in next st on last row of back *and* in next st on Gusset tog] 35 times, sk edge of row 71, sc in edge of row 70 on Back and in next st on Gusset, rep between [ ] 5 times, †rep from * to ** once, rep between [ ] 6 times, rep from † 8 more times, rep from * to **, fasten off.

Great for summer toys and for back to school.

Join Front to Gusset in same manner.

POCKET/POCKET GUSSET SEAM

With WS of Pocket and Pocket Gusset tog with Pocket facing, working through both thicknesses, join B with sc in edge of first sc on first row of Pocket and in last sc on row 2 of Pocket Gusset, sc in edge of each row, in each sc across row 32, in other edge of each row on Pocket and in each sc on row 2 of Pocket Gusset, work 2 sc in each of 4 sc evenly sp on Pocket Gusset on each side of Pocket, fasten off.

POCKET FLAP EDGING

With RS of Pocket/Pocket Gusset facing, join B with sc in edge of last sc on row 4 of Pocket Gusset, *sc in edge of next row, sc in next foundation ch, sc in edge of next row*, sc dec in edge of next row on Pocket Gusset and in last sc of Pocket/Pocket Gusset seam, sc in free lp of each ch across row 1 of Pocket, sc dec in first sc of Pocket/Pocket Gusset seam and in edge of row 2 of Pocket Gusset, rep from * to * once, sc in edge of last rep on Pocket Gusset, fasten off.

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TOP FLAP EDGING

With RS of Top Flap facing, join B with sc in edge of first sc on row 1, sc in edge of each row, sc in each of first 11 sc on row 40, ch 10, sl st in last sc made *(buttonhole)*, sc in last each of 11 sc on row 40, sc in other edge of each row, **do not fasten off**.

TOP FLAP/BACK SEAM

With WS of Top Flap and Back tog with Top Flap facing, working through both thicknesses, sc in free lp of each foundation ch across, join in first sc on Top Flap Edging, fasten off.

TOP EDGING

With RS of Gusset and Front facing, join B in first sc on Top Flap/Back Seam and in first sc on Back/Gusset Seam, [sc dec in edge of next 2 rows on Gusset] 5 times, sc dec in edge of foundation ch and in edge of next row, [sc dec in edge of next 2 rows] 4 times, sc dec in edge of next row and in last sc on Front/Gusset Seam, sc in free lp of each foundation ch on Front, sc dec in first sc on Front/Gusset Seam and in edge of next row on Gusset, [sc dec in edge of next 2 rows of Gusset] 4 times, sc dec in edge of next row and in edge of foundation ch, [sc dec in edge of next 2 rows] 5 times, sc dec in last sc on Back/Gusset Seam and in last sc on Top Flap/Back Seam, fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

Sew ends of Handle to top center of Back. Sew Pocket and Pocket Flap to bottom of Front. Sew buttons on Front and Pocket. Insert either end of Top Shoulder Strap through 2 D-rings. Fold Strap over D-rings and sew end of same Strap downward, encasing D-rings. Sew other end of Strap to top of Back about 2 inches from corner, rep with rem Top Shoulder Strap. Sew diagonal end of Bottom Shoulder Strap to side Back/Gusset Seam about 7 inches from bottom corner, rep with rem Bottom Shoulder Strap. ■