

Patterns for you by

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McAree Crochet Along: Making Up

Step 1

Using large blunt pointed needle, sew in all the loose ends of the squares.



Step 2

Some of the squares might be a slightly different size and possibly not quite square. Blocking and pressing the squares will help you bring them all to the same size and make sure all the panels fit together.



Place the square on a padded surface with the wrong side facing.

Next pin out each of the corners, measure to check that each of the sides are the same length.



Pin out the rest of the square.

Cover with a damp cloth & gently press with a steam iron.

Alternatively spray with water and leave to dry.

Step 3

Divide squares up into 4 sections, make sure that all the designs are mixed up, also the squares worked in rows can be placed on their side giving vertical rather than horizontal lines.

Depending on how you've positioned your squares you might be joining stitches to rows or rows to rows, using a flat stitch to join them together will allow you to keep the seam to a minimum.

Alternatively you can crochet the square together using either a slip stitch or double crochet. It can be helpful to pin the middle and ends of the squares you are sewing together with safety pins. These will act as a marker and make sure everything fits together.



Place safety pins at the centre and end of the squares.



Thread sewing up needle with yarn and insert into the top of first corner.



Next bring the needle over to the next square and insert into matching corner.



Insert needle into next stitch from first square.



Insert needle into stem of next stitch from second swatch, making sure the position matches up.



Zig zag between the squares until just before the centre, pull yarn tight to close the seam.



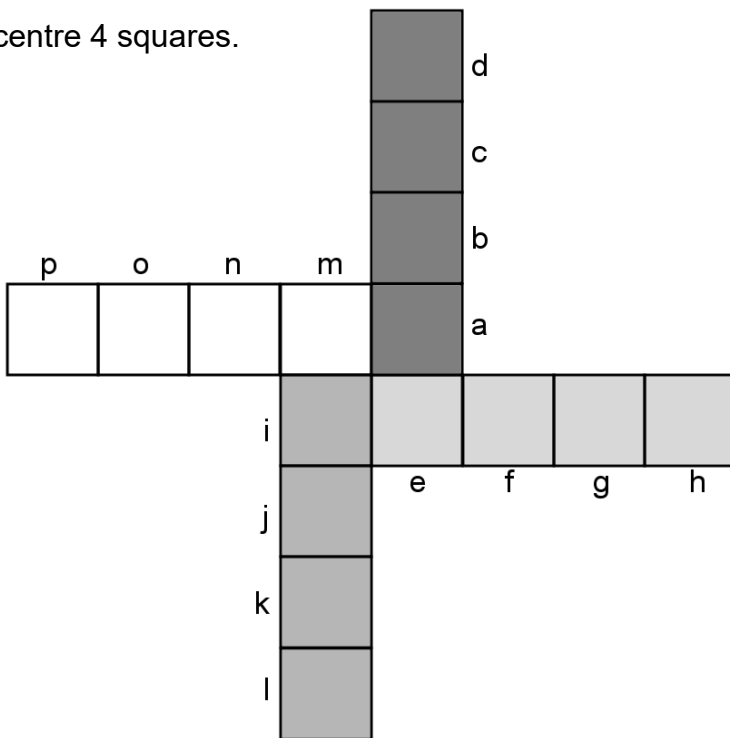
Continue sewing, remembering to pull the yarn tight every few 2 - 3cm to close the seam.



Once you have sewn the first 2 squares together, repeat the process joining the rest of the squares to make 4 strips of 4 squares, then sew in all the loose ends.

Step 4

Using the diagram below and pictures as guide, layout the 4 strips, then pin and stitch the centre 4 squares.



Step 5

Next pin then stitch the strips together in the following sequence:

- 1) a to f, b to g, c to h
- 2) e to j, f to k, g to l
- 3) i to n, j to o, k to p
- 4) m to b, n to c, o to d

Sew in all the loose ends and using picture as guide, bring the top squares together and fold the base of the bag.



Step 6

Handles (make 2)

Using 4mm hook and colour of choice

make 6ch + 1 turning chain

Row 1: 1dc into 2nd ch from hook, 1dc into each ch to end, turn (6sts)

Row 2: 1dc into each st to end.

Repeat row 2 until required length, approx 60 rows.

Break off yarn. Fold the sleeve edges of the handles together lengthwise and sew leaving approx 3 cm open at either end.



Next pin and stitch into position to the inside of the bag, using picture as guide.

