



## Measurements of finished and closed bag:

24 cm wide  
13cm high  
5cm deep

**Skill Level:**  
intermediate

**How much yarn:**  
5 balls (each ball 50g and 100m)

of **Maxi Vip** yarn (80% Extrafine Merino Wool, 20% Cashmere) shade no. 14574 bricky

**Hook:** A 3.75mm crochet hook.

A 4.00mm crochet hook

**Sewing needle:** Yarn needle with rounded point

**Other items:** Sewing yarn and matching thread

Canvas mesh. Stitch-holders. Metal rings

Lining fabric in matching colour

Magnetic buttons with flaps

Golden chain for shoulder strap

## STITCHES

**Using hook:** chain (ch) - Slip stitch (ss)

Double crochet (dc)

**RIDGE SLIP STITCH BACK (RSSB):** work 1 ss inserting hook into back loop only of previous row.

**RIDGE DOUBLE CROCHET BACK (RDCB):** work 1 dc inserting hook into back loop only of previous row.

## INSTRUCTIONS

**FLAP:** Is made up of 10 strips, **4 of** which are **long** and 6 short, arranged in entrelace pattern.

**Long strips:** with 3.75mm crochet hook, ch61 and starting from 2nd ch from hook work a row of ss, turn and cont to work in Ridge slip stitch back. When strip measures approx 4cm from beg, fasten off.

**Short strips:** with 3.75mm crochet hook, ch51 and starting from 2nd ch from hook work a row of ss, turn and cont to work in Ridge slip stitch back. When strip measures approx 4cm from beg, fasten off.

Considering the part similar to the stocking stitch as Right Side (RS) of work and using the stitch-holders to keep the strips together, weave them together to create an entrelaced checkboard, as shown in picture. Then sew the strips together. Finish the flap thus obtained with a round of ss, working in correspondence of outer corners of a long side as follows: 1 dc, ch1 and 1 dc. Fasten off.

**Panel:** with 4.00mm crochet hook and 2 strands of yarn work a row of Ridge double crochet back across other long side, then cont to work rows of dc for approx 28cm, then fasten off. From canvas mesh cut out a panel of the same size, then join it to crocheted panel, working 1 round dc. Work another round dc and a round ss. Fasten off.

**Gussets:** (make 2) for each gusset, with 4.00mm crochet hook and 2 strands of yarn ch8 and, starting from 2nd ch from hook, work a row of dc. Turn and cont to work rows of 7 dc for 11cm. From canvas mesh cut out a shape of the same size, then join it to crocheted gusset, working 1 round dc. Work another round dc and a round ss. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Cut lining fabric to size and sew on WS of flap, panel and gussets, then join gussets to panel with a row of dc. Sew magnetic buttons on lining fabric, along flap's outer long side, and on crocheted weave at base of bag front panel. Insert metal rings in correspondence of side gussets, then insert golden chain as shoulder strap.