

For the jewels we thank **Graziella cuore creativo**



**Size:** UK 10 – US 6 – EU 36 – **Skill Level:** intermediate

**How much yarn:** 4 balls (each ball 100g and 300m) of **Seychelles** yarn (65% Cotton, 35% Hemp) shade no. 31031

**Hook:** A 3.00 mm crochet hook

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

## STITCHES

**Using Hook:** chain (ch) – Double crochet (dc) – Treble (tr)  
**FANCY TREBLE STITCH:** work trebles between stitches of previous row, without following most common way ; don't insert hook into top loops of each stitch, but into space between stitches.

**DOUBLE CHAIN:** ch2. insert hook in the leftmost loop of the 2nd ch from hook. Yarn over , pull a loop through that same leftmost loop: there are 2 loops on the hook. Yarn over once again. Pull through both loops on the hook, completing one double chain stitch. \* Insert hook under the leftmost loop of previous stitch. Yarn over. Draw up a loop: there are 2 loops on the hook. Yarn over and pull through both loops on the hook, completing the double chain stitch. Rep from \* to end.

## TENSION

17 sts and 13 rows measure 10cm square over fancy treble stitch with 3.00 mm crochet hook. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

## INSTRUCTIONS

**Back:** with 3.00mm hook ch74 and, starting from 5th ch from hook, work 71 trebles for 1st row. Cont to work in Fancy treble st, increasing 1 st at each end on 21st, 28th, 33rd and 39th row: there are 79 sts. When work measures 34cm from beg and 44 rows have been worked, dec 1 st at each end on next and every following alternate row 6 times: there are 67 sts. AT THE SAME TIME, when work measures 44cm from beg and 58 rows have been worked, create central opening: omit to work centre 11 sts, join another ball of yarn and cont to work separately on either side 28 rows, corresponding to 21cm from central opening: 28 sts remain on either side. Fasten off. The piece measures 65cm from beg.

**Front:** work as Back only up to 55cm from beg, corresponding to 72 rows, also omitting central opening working.

**Band:** with 3.00mm hook ch83 and, starting from 5th ch from hook, work 80 trebles for 1st row. Cont to work in Fancy treble st, starting and ending every row with 4 dc. When 20 rows have been worked, corresponding to 15cm (measured in the middle of work), fasten off.

**Laces:** (make 2) for each lace (also for shoulder straps) work a double chain approx 150cm long. Make a knot at each end.

## FINISHING

Rotate the central part of the band, as shown in the picture, folding the parts on themselves and securing them with small stitches. Sew the band along the front, on the first and last 24 sts, leaving the central part open. Sew side seams. Work a round of dc all around lower edge of Back and Front. Fasten off. Fix a lace in the 20th st from one side of the band, then thread it between the sts on the opposite side of the opening at regular distances as if it were a string and finish in the center of the 11 sts left unworked for the central opening. Continue in the same way, also with the other lace, but on the opposite side and crossing it.

