



# AN ITALIAN STORY

*Ombra™*



## FIORE RUCKSACK

CROCHET



## WHAT YOU NEED

**RED HEART® Ombra™:** 6 balls 3358 Viola

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:** 5mm [US H-8]

Yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 12 sts = about 4" [10 cm]; 14 rows = about 4" [10 cm] in single crochet (sc) with 2 strands of yarn held together. 12 sts = about 4½" [11.5 cm] in half double crochet (hdc) with 2 strands of yarn held together. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

**BUY YARN**



**RED HEART® Ombra™:** Art R182 available in 3.5 oz (100 g) 249 yds (228 m) balls

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**Rucksack measures about 20" [51 cm] high and about 40" [101.5 cm] around base.**

### Notes

1. Rucksack is made in five pieces: Base, body, two shoulder straps, and a pull cord.
2. All pieces are worked back and forth in rows with two strands of yarn held together.
3. Short edges of body are seamed to form a tube. One end of body tube and one end of each shoulder strap are crocheted to outer edge of base.
4. The other ends of shoulder straps are sewn below top edge of body and pull cord is thread through spaces between stitches to complete the rucksack.

### Special Stitches

**join with sc** = Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

**sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together)** = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.



### BASE

With 2 strands of yarn held together, ch 21.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—20 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across—21 sc.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—22 sc.

**Row 5:** Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

**Rows 6-25:** Repeat Rows 2-5 for 5 more times—32 sc.

**Row 26:** Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each sc across—31 sc.

**Row 27:** Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

**Row 28:** Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc to last 2 sc, sc2tog—30 sc.

**Row 29:** Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

**Rows 30-49:** Repeat Rows 26-29 for 5 more times—20 sc.

Fasten off.

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## BODY

With 2 strands of yarn held together, ch 54.

**Row 1:** Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—53 hdc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, hdc in each hdc across.

Repeat Row 2 until piece is long enough for one long side edge to go around outer edge of base (about 40" [101.5 cm]). Do not fasten off.

**Seam First and Last Rows Together:** Fold piece in half so that top of sts of last row match base of sts of first row; ch 1, working through both thicknesses, sc in each st across to seam body into a tube.

Fasten off. Turn body inside out so that seam is on inside of body.

## SHOULDER STRAPS (make 2)

With 2 strands of yarn held together, ch 9.

**Row 1:** Sc in 3rd ch from hook, [ch 1, skip next ch, sc in next ch] 3 times—4 sc, 3 ch-1 spaces, and 1 beginning ch-space.

**Row 2:** Ch 2, turn, skip first sc, sc in next ch-1 space, [ch 1, skip next sc, sc in next ch-1 space] twice, ch 1, skip last sc, sc in beginning ch-space.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures about 21½" [54.5 cm] from beginning.

Fasten off. Repeat for second shoulder strap.

## PULL CORD

With 2 strands of yarn held together, work chains sts until piece measures about 38" [96.5 cm] from beginning.

**Row 1:** Working in back bumps, slip st in each ch across. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Arrange one end of body tube around outer edge of base, with seam on inside and at center of one long edge of base (for back). Place one end of each shoulder strap between the base and body tube, on either side of back seam and with ends about 6" [15 cm] apart

**Hint:** You may want to use pins or clips to hold all of the pieces together). Working from right side (outside of body) and through all thicknesses, join yarn with sc anywhere along edge, sc evenly all the way around edge to seam body and ends of straps to base.

Sew tops of straps about 3" [7.5 cm] below top edge of body, about 6" [15 cm] apart and directly in line with the lower ends of the straps.

Weave in ends.

Beginning at center front of body, thread the pull cord through spaces between stitches about every 2 rows all the way around body, just above top ends of straps. Pull on ends to close bag and tie into a bow.

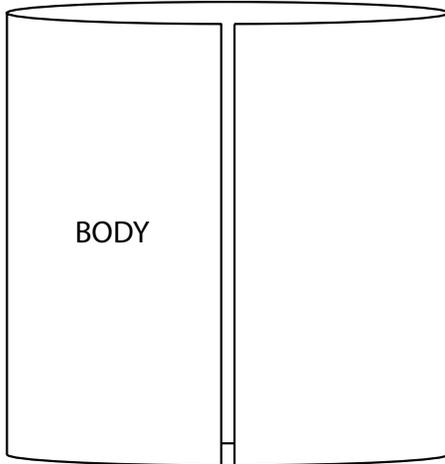
## ABBREVIATIONS

**ch** = chain; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

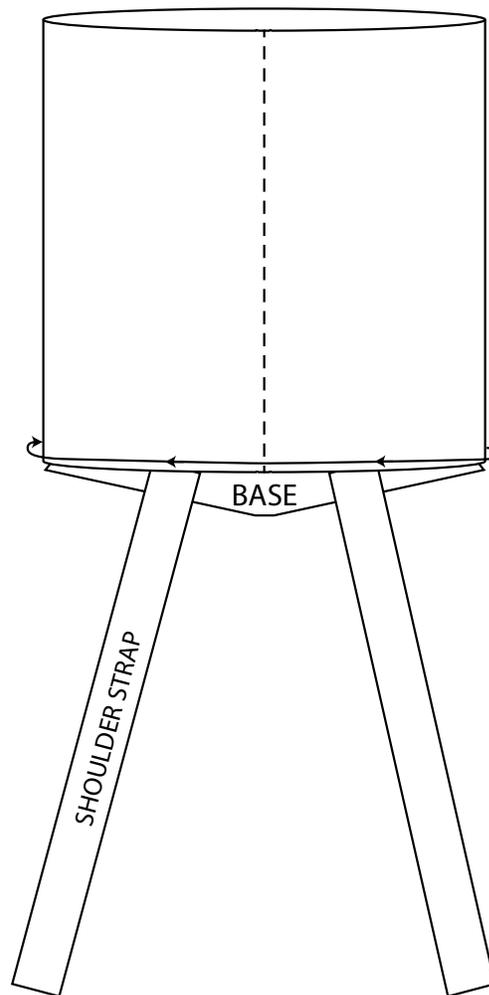
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STEP 1: Crochet first and last rows together to form a tube.



STEP 2: Crochet edge of body and ends of straps to base.



STEP 3: Sew top end of straps below top edge of body. Thread pull cord through spaces between stitches

