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Apache Tear Shoulder Bag
PATTERN #73
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for Vinnis Colours  
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Skill level: Moderate

Finished measurements:  
Width: 40 cm  
Height from base: 32 cm

Materials:  
Vinnis Colours Nikkim  
(100% cotton, 119m/50g)

Bag in Neutrals uses:  
2 balls Midnight (576)[A]  
2 balls Grey (511)[B]  
2 balls Steel Grey (501)[C]  
1 ball Blue-Grey (577)[D]  
1 ball White (598)[E]

Bag in Purples uses:  
2 balls Purple-Blue (588)[A]  
2 balls Red-Violet (584)[B]  
2 balls Dark Purple (526)[C]  
1 ball Lilac (586)[D]  
1 ball Pale Lilac (587)[E]

3.5mm crochet hook  
Scissors  
Tapestry needle

Abbreviations:  
blo - back loop  
ch - chain  
dc - double crochet  
dcblo - double crochet in back loop only  
apdtr - apache double treble  
sl-st - slip stitch  
st(s) - stitch(es)

Special stitches:  
Apache double treble. (apdtr)  
Double treble in front loop only in three rows below: Yarn over two times, insert hook in front loop only in stitch three rows below, yarn over, pull through 4 (loops on hook), yarn over, pull through two loops (3 loops on hook), yarn over, pull through 2 loops (2 loops on hook), yarn over, pull through last two loops. The double crochet stitch directly above in the 1st row is skipped.

When changing colour, add new colour at least 10 sts before needed and crochet over the tail to anchor the yarn. When changing colour work as follows: Work last dc with first colour but wait with last pull through, switch to next colour and work last pull through, then work next apdtr.  
From round 5 and every uneven numbered row, colour changing is done every 2nd round in the last st.

Bag Base:  
Using colour A, ch 26  
Row 1: Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in every ch across. (25 dc)

Row 2-59: Ch1, dcblo of every st across.

Bag:  
Round 1: Continue in colour A, Ch1, *dc 59 sts along long side, dc 25 along short side*, rep *-*. (168 sts)  
Continue work in spirals. It is important to place a marker indicating the beginning of each round as the colour changing is shifted to the right.

Round 2-3: 2dc in 1st st, dcblo in every st around. Change to colour B in last st of round 3. See note for colour changing. (169 sts)

Round 4: * Apdtr, dcblo in next 13 sts, rep *-* 11 times. (168 sts) Note that the beginning of each round is continuously shifted one st to the right.

Round 5: Apdtr, dcblo, apdtr, dcblo in next 11 sts*, rep *-* 11 times. Change to colour C in last pull through of last dcblo. See diagram for colour changing for the rest of the pattern.

Round 6: Apdtr, dcblo in next 3 sts, apdtr, dcblo in next 9 sts*, rep *-* 11 times.

Round 7: Apdtr, dcblo in next 5 sts, apdtr, dcblo in next 7 sts*, rep *-* 11 times.

Round 8: Apdtr, dcblo in next 7 sts, apdtr, dcblo in next 5 sts*, rep *-* 11 times.

Round 9: Apdtr, dcblo in next 9 sts, apdtr, dcblo in next 3 sts*, rep *-* 11 times.

Round 10 -12: * Apdtr, dcblo in next 13 sts, * rep *-* 11 times.

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**Following rounds:** Repeat rounds 6-12 seven more times

**Eyelet round:** Apdtr, dc blo in next 3 sts, apdtr, dc blo in next 4 sts, ch2, skip 2st, dc blo in next 3 sts*, rep *-* 11 times.
Repeat rounds 7, 8, and 9.
Repeat round 5 and then round 4.
Finish last round with one round of slip stitches into blo of every st.

**Straps**
Chain darning method used. See youtube video by Marion Verloop http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnBoHEKvwJE

Using 4 of the colours make 4 single stranded chains about 65 cm long of each colour. Leave a tail about 15 cm at beginning and end of each chain strand. Use the chain darning method to work the 16 strands together. Darn with the same colour thread as the outer chains, to avoid seeing the stitches on the reverse of the band. When strap measures 65 cm darn in the end securely by working backwards for at least 5 rows. Place the strap on the outside of the top between the eyelets and thread the ends to the inside. Knot each end securely and darn away ends.

Make 1 single stranded chain about 3 times the width of the bag. Using same colour, sl-st into each loop. Using another colour sl-st into the other side of the string. Braid ends together. Feed the cord through the eyelets.