**Bella Lino Crochet Bag**

designed by Susan Mills

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**Bella Lino**

Linen • Viscose • Cotton

Bella Lino is a lightweight yarn that creates an airy fabric with long, harmonious stripes on a linen-hued base. This beautiful yarn comes in a palette of summer-friendly shades.

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**Skill Level**

Easy

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**Yarn**

*Bella Lino* by *Classic Elite Yarns*

(58% linen, 26% viscose, 16% cotton; 50 g = approx 164 yards)

8593 Clear Skies

Bag shown is 10” in diameter, 11” tall and used 4 balls

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**Hook**

Size US E/4 (3.5 mm)

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**Other Materials**

Removable stitch marker

Purchased handles

Fabric for lining (optional)

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**Gauge**

In single crochet, 24 sts and 28 rows = 4”. **Exact gauge is not crucial to the success of this project.**
ABBREVIATIONS
beg: begin(ning)
ch: chain
cont: continue
ea: each (ea)
hk: hook
lp: loop
rem: remaining
rep: repeat
rd(s): round(s)
RS: right side
sc: single crochet
sl st: slip stitch

PATTERN STITCHES
Adjustable Ring: Hold tail end of yarn in your LH with your ring and pinky fingers. Wrap the yarn around your index and middle fingers twice. Pinch the loop between and slide it off fingers. Insert crochet hook from front to back through the ring and draw up a loop. Ch 1 (this does not count as a stitch). Pull end to tighten after first rnd is complete.

sc (single crochet): Insert hook into indicated stitch and draw through a loop – 2 loops on hook; Yarn over hook, draw through 2 loops – 1 loop rem; sc complete.

sl st (slip stitch): Insert hook into the indicated st, yo hook and pull through both your work and the loop on your hook – 1 loop rem; sl st complete.

BELLA LINO CROCHET BAG RECIPE
Bottom of bag:
Make an adjustable ring.
Work 8 sc in ring, Sl st to join. Tighten ring.

Rnd 1: Work 2 sc in each st – 16 sc. Sl st to join.
Rnd 2: *Work sc in next st, work 2 sc in next st; rep from * – 24 sts.
Rnd 3: *Work sc in each of the next 2 sts, work 2 sc in next st; rep from * – 32 sts.

Cont in this manner, making a flat circle by working 1 more sc between incs every rnd, until bottom of the bag is desired size (bag shown is approx 10” in diameter).

Note: You may need to work an occasional round even, with no increases, in order for the bottom of the bag to remain flat. If the bottom of the bag isn’t exactly flat, it’s OK – that will work too.

Place a removable marker in last inc rnd to mea the depth of the side of the bag.

Side of bag:
Work 1 sc in each st around until side of bag meas 11” or desired height from marker.

Last rnd: Work a slip st in every stitch around to reinforce top edge.

FINISHING