

Mini Beach Bag

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Skill Level: Easy



Finished Size: One size, 8 1/2" width x 7" length (with bag completed, folded and seamed).

Yarn: Yarn 2 oz. Worsted Weight Yarn (Yarn A, Blue 1 oz.; Yarn B, White .5 oz.; Yarn C Red .5 oz.). We chose Caron Simply Soft Yarn A #9711 Dark Country Blue; Yarn B #9701 White; Yarn C #9763 Harvest Red. (We purchased 6 oz. skeins of Simply Soft and had leftover yarn for additional projects.)

Yarn Tool: easyloop® fauxchét® yarn tool

Canvas: "Graph 'n Latch" Latch Hook Canvas (available at MCG Textiles) a piece cut to size: 8 1/2" x 11" (canvas will be folded in half and seamed when project is completed).

Easyloop® Yarn Tool Tension: With the easy-loop® yarn tool threaded pull needle back 1 inch and push needle into stitch 1 inch (or as needed to obtain recommended gauge).

Gauge: Not Critical for this project.

Stitches Used: Chain Stitch; Slip Stitch; Single Fauxchét® Stitch; Fauxchét® on Canvas Edge Stitch; Fauxchét® on Canvas Surface Stitch. Visit www.fauxchet.com for how-to videos of the stitches used in this pattern.

Special Techniques: Stitching on Latch Hook Canvas; Seaming.

Embellishment: 4" Tassel Attachment.

Additional Findings: 8 Metal Colored Jewelry Rings (.5 inch in size).

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To Begin: Thread the easyloop® tool with Yarn A (Blue) and pull yarn end to 6 inches from needle tip. **Note: For Row 1 Canvas Edging** you'll be working from the **WRONG SIDE** of the canvas.

Row 1 Canvas Edging (Single Fauxchét® Edge Stitch): With the cut and trimmed canvas in hand, insert the threaded needle tip through



the 2nd canvas hole from the edge of the lower left hand corner of the 8 1/2" x 11" canvas rectangle and secure the yarn to the canvas thread (the 2nd canvas thread from the edge) with a Slip Stitch.

Note: Always make **2 EXTRA STITCHES** at the corners to prevent puckering. The edging will cover the outermost 2 threads of the canvas thread. Visit www.fauxchet.com for How-to Videos of the Fauxchét® on Canvas Edge Stitch used in this pattern.

After securing the yarn to the corner of the canvas with a Slip Stitch, insert the needle tip into the canvas hole to the right under the next canvas thread, creating another Single Fauxchét® Edge Stitch (**Note:** You should be covering 2 Rows of canvas threads with the Fauxchét® Edge Stitch.) (continued on next page)



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Continue working in this manner, making a Single Fauxchét® Edge Stitch into the very 1st canvas hole/thread began with, to complete the edging. End Work by fastening off with 1 extra chain stitch into the last stitch you made. Cut yarn leaving a 6 inch tail. Unthread the easyloop® tool by pulling cut yarn end backward out of the tool needles. Pull yarn end to tighten the last stitch. (Weave loose yarn ends in later.)

Do the following Fauxchét® Stitching (2 TIMES): Once for **BOTH SHORT SIDES** of the rectangle.

Note: Turn the canvas over so you'll be working from the **RIGHT SIDE** of the canvas when beginning **Row 2**.

Row 2 Fauxchét® Slip Stitch (White): Rethread easyloop® tool with Yarn B, White leaving a 6 inch tail of yarn after threading. Insert needle tip into the FRONT and BACK LOOPS of the stitch at the upper left corner of the edged canvas rectangle (the SHORT SIDE) with the outer 2 rows covered with the Blue Yarn Edge Stitch) and secure to FRONT and BACK LOOPS with a SLIP STITCH.

Insert the needle tip into the FRONT and BACK LOOPS of the next stitch and create a DOUBLE SLIP STITCH into every stitch across row to end of row. Plus 1 Turning Stitch. Turn Work.

Row 3 Single Fauxchét® Stitch (White): Single Fauxchét® Stitch into every stitch across row to end of row.

Note: Do not add 1 turning stitch at the end of row. Instead, cut yarn leaving a 6 inch tail. While holding the loop of the last stitch, unthread the easyloop® tool by pulling cut yarn end backward out of the tool needles. Continue holding the loop of the last stitch of Row 3.

While holding the loop of the last stitch you made in Row 3, continue to the next step:

Adding New Yarn (Blue) to the last stitch in Row 3:

Rethread the easyloop® tool with Yarn A, Blue leaving a 6 inch tail. Insert the newly threaded tool (with the Blue Yarn, A) into the last stitch you made (the loop you are holding) and with the needle tip kept securely inserted into the loop you are holding, tie the white yarn end to the newly added Blue yarn end (weave cut

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yarn ends in later). Create 1 Turning Stitch with the newly added Blue Yarn, A. Turn Work.

Row 4 Single Fauxchét® Stitch (Blue): Single Fauxchét® Stitch into every stitch across row to end of row. At the end of Row 4, end work by fastening off with 1 extra chain stitch into the last stitch. Cut yarn leaving a 6 inch tail. (Unthread the easyloop® tool by pulling cut yarn end backward out of the tool needles.) Pull yarn end to tighten the last stitch.

Finishing: Weave loose yarn ends in using the easyloop® yarn tool and the “weaving ends in” technique. ♦

REPEAT ROWS 2-4 doing the same on the opposite **SHORT SIDE** of the canvas rectangle.

Slip Stitch Edging (around rectangular piece laid flat, WRONG SIDE FACING; working from the WRONG SIDE):

Rethread the easyloop® tool with Yarn A, Blue leaving a 6 inch tail. Insert the newly threaded tool (with Yarn A, Blue) into the **FRONT** and **BACK LOOPS** of the last stitch you made and secure with a SLIP STITCH.

Slip Stitch into every stitch around all 4 sides of rectangle until reaching the end. End work by fastening off with 1 extra chain stitch into the last stitch. Cut yarn leaving a 6 inch tail. (Unthread the easyloop® tool by pulling cut yarn end backward out of the tool needles). Pull yarn end to tighten the last stitch.

Finishing: Weave loose yarn ends in using the easyloop® yarn tool and the “weaving ends in” technique.

Embellishment: “Red Cross” (Life Guard Chair Inspired) Single Fauxchét® Surface Stitch:

After completing all previous steps, fold the finished rectangular piece in half (to establish the Life Guard Chair Inspired “Red Cross” placement) and with a removable fabric marking pencil and using the established guide,

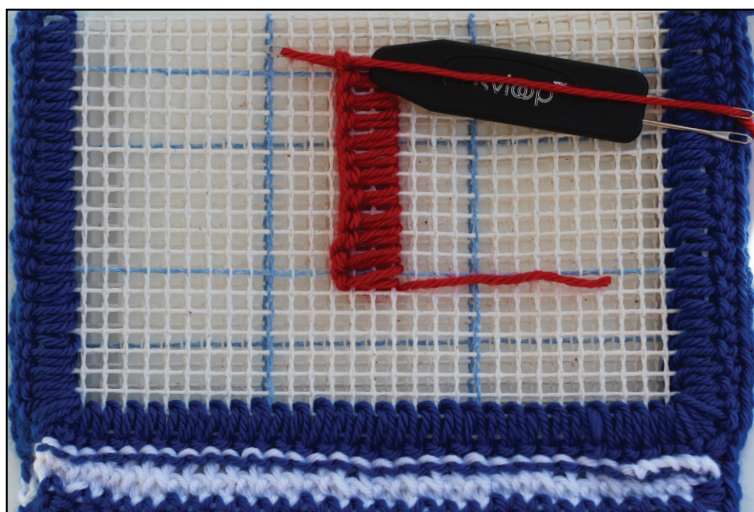


lightly pencil in the “Cross” area to be stitched in using Yarn C, Red and the Single Fauxchét® Edge Stitch (but used on the surface as a Top-Stitch Embellishment).

Note: The canvas should remain laid flat (not folded) when stitching the “Red Cross” Surface Stitch Embellishment.

To Begin: Thread the easyloop® tool with Yarn C (Red) and pull yarn end to 6 inches from needle tip. **Following the placement chart** for the “Red Cross” begin by first stitching the **CENTER VERTICAL PIECE** of the cross. Insert the threaded needle tip through the canvas hole and back up through the canvas hole, spanning under 2 canvas threads and creating 13 Single Fauxchét® Surface Stitches (under 13

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Canvas Threads) for the **VERTICAL CENTER** piece of the “Red Cross”.

End work by fastening off with 1 extra chain stitch into the last stitch. Cut yarn leaving a 6 inch tail. (Unthread the easyloop® tool by pulling cut yarn end backward out of the tool needles). Pull yarn end to tighten the last stitch.

REPEAT this Single Fauxchét® Surface Stitch Technique for the TWO HORIZONTAL pieces of the “Red Cross” embellishment (following the placement guide/marks you’ve indicated on the canvas.

Create 6 Single Fauxchét® Surface Stitches to the LEFT and to the RIGHT at the center mark of the VERTICAL PIECE of the “Red Cross”.

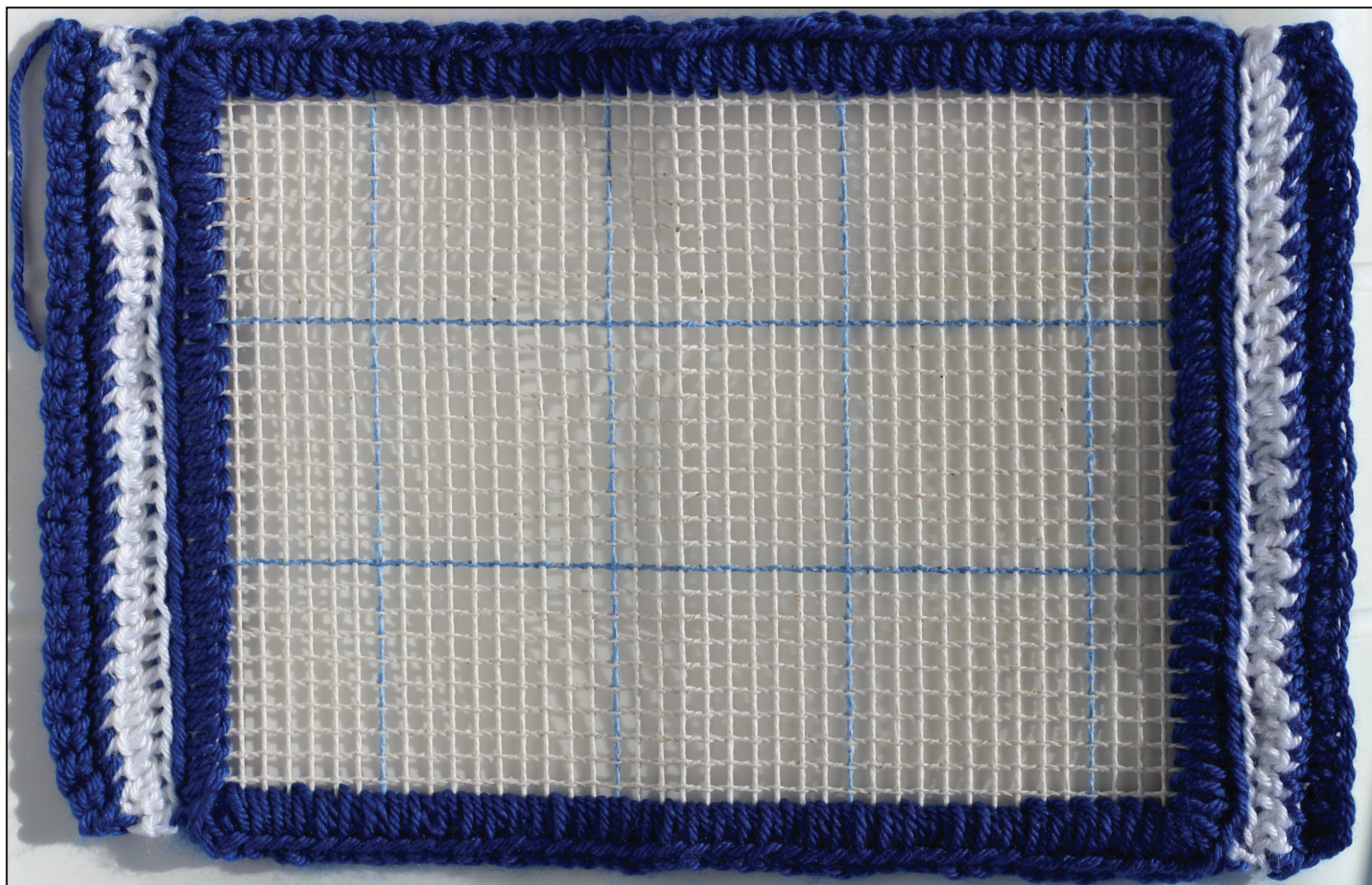
With the “Red Cross” Surface Stitch Embellishment completed, fold the rectangular canvas in half vertically, aligning the stitches along the LEFT and RIGHT side of the folded canvas rectangle.

Seaming: Rethread the easyloop® tool with Yarn A (Blue) pulling yarn end so there is 6 inches between yarn end and needle tip. With finished rectangular canvas piece folded in half, align the stitches across from each other on BOTH FRONT and BACK PIECES of the folded rectangle (being careful to align each individual stitch across from each other) along the area to be seamed.

Insert the threaded easyloop® tool into the first set of aligned stitches (through FRONT and BACK LOOPS of both layers) on the bottom left (where the fold begins) and secure with a Slip Stitch. **Note:** You will be sewing the seam with the Fauxchét® Slip Stitch by inserting the needle tip through the **FRONT** and **BACK LOOPS** of each stitch (on both layers of the folded piece) for a total of **4 LAYERS of LOOPS per stitch** along the seam. Visit www.fauxchet.com for a How-to Video of the Seaming Technique.

Continue SLIP STITCHING into every stitch along

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the folded edge: (FRONT and BACK LOOPS of both folded layers) to the end of the edge. End work by fastening off with 1 extra chain stitch into the last stitch. Cut yarn leaving a 6 inch tail. Pull yarn end to tighten the last stitch.

REPEAT the PREVIOUS STEPS, SEAMING the opposite side of the folded rectangle.

Finishing: Weave ends in with the easyloop® tool.

Chain Strap (Fauxché® Chain Stitch) Double Strand Worsted Weight Yarn, C (Red):

Rethread the easyloop® tool with a DOUBLE STRAND of Yarn C (Red). **Note:** Pulling the yarn from both ends of skein makes using a DOUBLE STRAND of yarn easy. Pull yarn end so there is 6 inches between yarn end and needle tip after threading. Create a SLIP KNOT (1 inch in size) 6 inches from yarn end. Adjust so there is approximately 1 inch between needle tip and slip knot.

Chain: Holding 2 strands of yarn together as one, Chain 75 stitches. End chain with 1 extra tight chain stitch. Cut yarn leaving a 6 inch tail. (Unthread the easyloop® tool by pulling cut yarn end backward out of the tool needles). Pull yarn end to tighten the last stitch.

Attach Metal Rings, 4 Per Side, at the left and right top of the finished bag. (The metal rings spread to open and squeeze to close after attaching through the holes in the edge of a few stitches at the top of bag.

Attach Chain Strap: With bag RIGHT SIDE UP (The side with the “Red Cross” facing up): After metal rings are attached to the bag, insert the completed chain strap through the metal rings on the RIGHT SIDE of bag, and pull chain to it's halfway point. Then insert one end of the chain strap through the metal rings on the LEFT SIDE of bag, tying one end of chain strap to the other.

Finishing: Weave loose yarn ends in using the easyloop® yarn tool and the “weaving ends in” technique.

Tassel Embellishment: Using Yarn C, Red and using a traditional tassel making technique, create the tassel using 18 strands of yarn, 7 inches in length. Once tassel is completed the tassel will measure 4 inches in length, 36 strands of yarn thick. Trim the tassel evenly to 4 inches.

Attach the completed tassel to the metal rings on the left side of the bag by tying it on to where the chain strap meets the rings. ♦

