



Big Girl Backpack by Elizabeth Mareno

Bizzy Crochet Designs are “Imagination on the Move”

The big girl backpack pattern is a perfect pattern for using up your leftovers and scraps. It can be made in one solid color, checked, striped, or anything else that suits your fancy. Just make sure you make a matching one for her 18” doll!

Skill level: Beginner

Materials:

WW yarn- scraps work great- about 1/2 skn.

H hook

Yarn needle for assembly

row marker

BASIC-ONE COLOR

do not join rounds unless stated

ch37

Row 1- sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across (36) (do not ch1), work down the opposite side of the starting ch, sc in each ch. (72sc)

**from here you start working in a circle, so mark your first sc of your first row and keep moving it up as you go.

Row 2-42 sc in each sc around.

Row 43- ch3 (cts as dc and ch1), (sk sc, dc in next sc, ch1) around to last sc, join with 2nd ch of ch3. (36 ch1sp)

Row 44-ch1, sc in sm st as join, sc in each sc and ch1 around, join with first sc and finish off. tuck in ends. (72sc)

TIES: make 2

ch101, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off leaving long end for sewing.

Assembling ties: First tie, weave over and under through dc. Sew ends together, pull on opposite end to hide. Do the opposite for second tie.

STRAPS: make 2

Holding 2 strands throughout, ch5

Row 1- sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across (4sc)

Row 2-47- ch1, turn, sc in each sc.

Row 48- drop one strand, ch1, turn, sc in each sc and row end around, putting 3sc in each corner.

Strap placement: Approx 3sc from edge, 3rows down (top) and 3 rows up(bottom) sew ends into place using a whipstitch.

"CHECK" Pattern:

Follow basic pattern through row 18, 19th row (sc 2, chg color, sc 2, chg color) repeat around (carry the unused color in your sc all the way around, this will keep the inside of the bag neat). There will be one sc off at the end of the row.

Repeat this pattern for one more row, then switch to the next color for another 10 rows. Repeat check pattern for 2 rows, switching colors again for 5 more rows. Do the check pattern one more time, finishing with 3 rows. Complete with the basic top, ties and straps.

Terminology:

ch-chain/ sc- single crochet/ dc- double crochet/ sk- skip/ st- stitch

**Meet the designer:**

Hi, I'm Biz! I live in sunny Florida, but I'm originally from the frozen tundra of Wisconsin. Life keeps me busy with teenagers starting to graduate high school, going back to college for my business degree, working a part time job, and trying to get to the beach on the weekends!

Designing is my love. Whether it is crochet or knit, it doesn't matter to me....I love the challenge of taking a piece of string and making it do something practical, or educational, or just plain fun! I get a very "I am crafter, hear me roar" sensation from the process. I hope you enjoy my patterns!

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