



*Free Craft Pattern*

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# **JOYFUL BACKPACK**

Pattern Number: M20342 OH



## SKILL LEVEL – EASY

## SIZES

**Finished Diameter** About 10 in. (25.5 cm)

**Finished Height** About 9 1/2 in. (24 cm)

## MATERIALS

- **LION BRAND® OFF THE HOOK®** (Art. #516)
  - #150 Dreamy 1 ball (A)
  - #215 Galaxy 1 ball (B)



## ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Twist tie

Sewing needle and thread

Button, about 1 1/2 in. (cm) diameter

## BACKPACK BASE

### *Set Up*

Pull out one end of A yarn and count out 10 loops. You'll be working on just 7 loops. This length of 10 loops will be the beginning of your Backpack, the other 3 loops are beginning yarn tail and will be secured later.

Lay this length of 10 loops onto a flat surface, with the end of the yarn on your right hand side.

Check to be sure that all loops are facing upwards and that the loops aren't twisted.

Now you'll be working in rows across the length of loops.

The yarn that's coming from the yarn ball is called the working yarn.

Hold the working yarn behind the length of loops.

With your thumb and index finger, reach through the first loop on the right hand side, reaching from front through to back, and pull the next loop from the working yarn through the first loop.

**Row 1:** Working across the length of loops from right to left, continue to pull the next loop of working yarn through the next loop on the length of loops until you have pulled up 7 loops.

**NOTE** Row 1 is the right side, the side that will face out, on the Backpack.

**Row 2:** Working from left to right, with the working yarn in the back (do not turn the work), pull up a loop in each loop.

**Row 3:** Working from right to left, repeat Row 2.

**Rows 7-11:** Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

### *Finish off loops*

Now you'll need to finish off your loops. Drop the working yarn.

Working in the same direction as the last row you made, pull the second loop through the first; pull the third loop through the second; pull the fourth through the third – and so on across to the end of the row.

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Now you're back at the side with working yarn. Carefully snip the remaining loops off the working yarn tail. Pull working yarn through the last loop and knot.

## **BODY**

**Note:** The Body is worked by first pulling up loops of yarn B around the outside edge of the Base and then working in rounds instead of back and forth in rows.

**Round 1:** With the right side of the Base facing and with yarn B, begin on right side of the last row.

With the working yarn in the back, and working from right to left, pull up 7 loops across the last row, pull up 11 loops along the side edge of the Base, pull up 7 loops along the next side and pull up 11 loops along last side of Base. You will have a total of 36 loops of yarn B pulled up around Base.

Attach a twist tie to the first loop of Round 1. This tie will mark the beginning of each of the rounds. As you work each round, move the twist tie to the new first loop.

**Rounds 2-11:** Working in the round from right to left, with the working yarn in the back, pull up a loop in each loop around.

Finish off 21 of the loops just as you did for the Base. The remaining 15 loops will be used to make the Flap.  
*Cut yarn B.*

## ***Flap***

**Note:** The Flap is worked back and forth in rows.

**Row 1:** With yarn A and working from right to left, with the yarn in the back, pull up a loop in each of the next 15 loops.

**Row 2:** Working from left to right, with the working yarn in the back (do not turn the work), pull up a loop in each loop.

**Row 3:** Working from right to left, with the working yarn in the back, pull up a loop in each loop.

**Row 4:** Repeat Row 2.

**Row 5:** Working from right to left, with the working yarn in the back, cross the next loop on Flap over the following loop, reach through both of these loops to pull up a loop, pull up a loop in each of next 11 loops, cross the next loop on Flap over the following loop, reach through both of these loops to pull up a loop – you'll have 13 loops at the end of Row 5.

This technique - cross the next loop over the following loop, reach through both of these loops to pull up a loop – turns 2 loops into one, thus decreasing the number of loops you're working on. For the remainder of this pattern, this will be written as 'decrease over 2 loops'.

**Row 6:** Working from left to right, with yarn in the back, decrease over 2 loops, pull up a loop in each of next 9 loops, decrease over 2 loops – you'll have 11 loops remaining.

**Row 7:** Working from right to left, with yarn in the back, decrease over 2 loops, pull up a loop in each of next 3 loops, pull up 2 loops in next loop and mark one of these loops with a twist tie, pull up a loop in each of next 3 loops, decrease over 2 loops.

Finish off all loops except the marked loop. This loop will be the button loop. Remove the twist tie.

## **STRAPS** (make 2)

### ***Set Up***

Pull out one end of A yarn and count out 26 loops. You'll be working on just 23 loops. This length of 23 loops will be the beginning of your Backpack, the other 3 loops are beginning yarn tail and will be secured later.

Lay this length of 26 loops onto a flat surface, with the end of the yarn on your right hand side.

Check to be sure that all loops are facing upwards and that the loops aren't twisted.

Row 1: Working across the length of loops from right to left, pull the next loop of working yarn through the next loop on the length of loops until you have pulled up 23 loops.

*Finish off all loops.*

## **FINISHING**

With sewing needle and thread, sew one end of each Strap to back of Backpack, at top center.

Sew opposite ends of Straps to lower back corners of Backpack.

Sew button to front of Backpack in line with button loop.

With your fingers, weave the yarn ends into the fabric of the Backpack.

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