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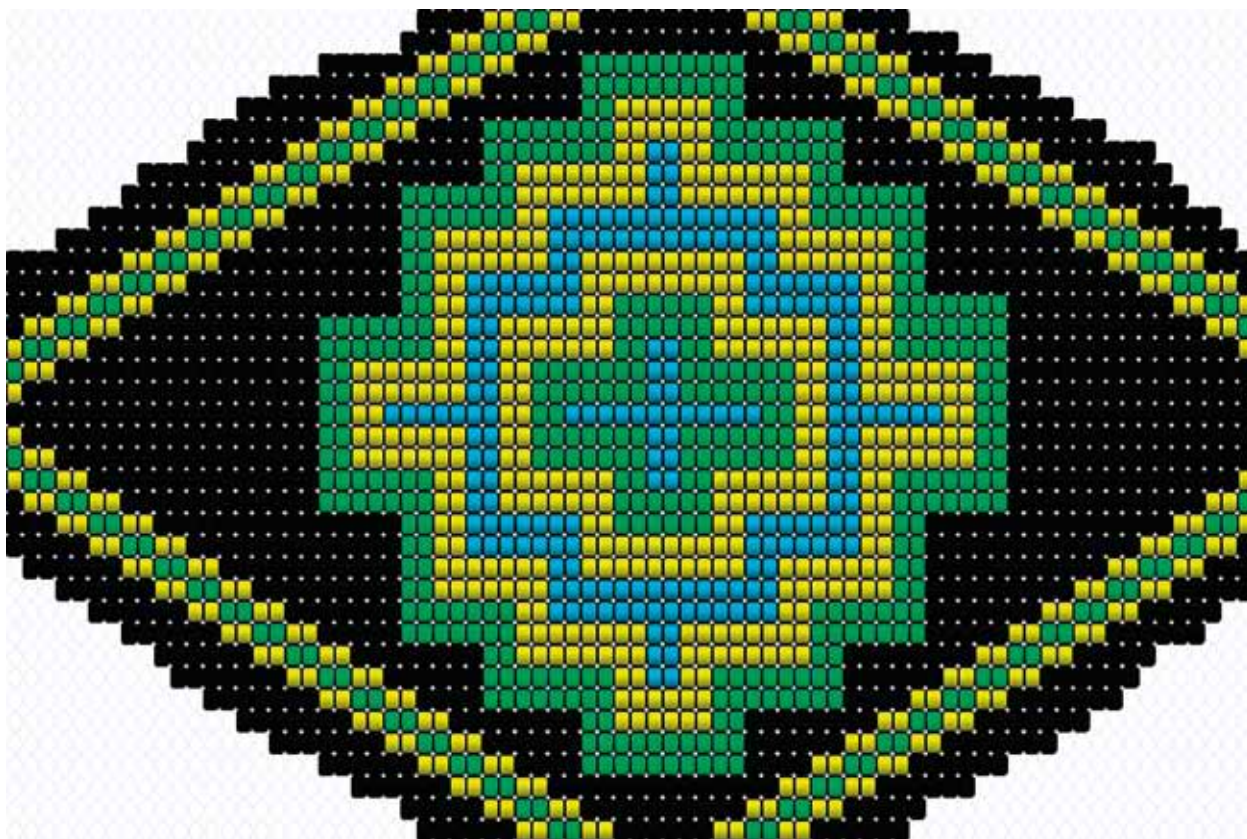
Crocheting a Wayuu bag is really fun to do, which is why I thought it was high time there was a book about it. All of the information you need to crochet a mochila and fix it together yourself should be easily found on your own bookshelf. So, with that goal in mind, I took the plunge and contacted a publisher. And here it is! This is my book and I'm very proud of it!

It all started four years ago. I discovered some great backpack-style bags on Pinterest, which were called Wayuu mochilas. Eager for more information, I did some research. Unfortunately, there was very little known about these colourful bags. It turned out that these bags were actually made by an indigenous tribe from **Colombia, the Wayuu people**. As I did a lot of crocheting, I decided to venture out on a voyage of discovery.

From then on I specialized in crocheting mochilas and, in 2015, my webshop - www.RiannesHaaksels.nl - went online. I also regularly organize mochila crochet workshops because, as well as enjoying crocheting myself, I think it is also lovely to be able to transfer knowledge and teach people new techniques.

In this book, you will find more than just Wayuu bag crochet patterns. I will also explain the techniques behind ply-split braiding and Kumihimo. This book will provide you with all the information you need in order to make a bag with a matching shoulder strap and a beautiful drawstring cord.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Base

Work 5 chains using yarn A and join with a slip stitch to form a ring.

Add one length of yarns B, C and D.

Round 1: work 10 sc into the ring, going over the yarn (10 sts).

Round 2: 2 sc in each st (20 sts).

Round 3: *2 sc in first st, 1 sc* (30 sts).

Round 4: *2 sc in first st, 2 sc* (40 sts).

Round 5: *3 sc, 2 sc in next st in yarn A, 3 sc, 2 sc in next st in yarn D*, rep from * to * to end (50 sts).

Round 6: *2 sc, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in yarn A, 2 sc in yarn A, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in yarn C*, rep from * to * to end (60 sts).

Round 7: *5 sc, 2 sc in next st in yarn A, 5 sc, 2 sc in next st in yarn B*, rep from * to * to end (70 sts).

Round 8: *3 sc, 2 sc in next st, 3 sc in yarn A, 3 sc, 2 sc in next st, 3 sc in yarn D*, rep from * to * to end (80 sts).

Round 9: *7 sc, 2 sc in next st in yarn A, 7 sc, 2 sc in next st in yarn C*, rep from * to * to end (90 sts).

Round 10: *4 sc, 2 sc in next st, 4 sc in yarn A, 4 sc, 2 sc in next st, 4 sc in yarn B*, rep from * to * to end (100 sts).

Round 11: *9 sc, 2 sc in next st in yarn A, 9 sc, 2 sc in next st in yarn D*, rep from * to * to end (110 sts).

Round 12: *5 sc, 2 sc in next st, 5 sc in yarn A, 5 sc, 2 sc in next st, 5 sc in yarn C*, rep from * to * to end (120 sts).

Round 13: *11 sc, 2 sc in next st in yarn A, 11 sc, 2 sc in next st in yarn B*, rep from * to * to end (130 sts).

Round 14: *6 sc, 2 sc in next st, 6 sc in yarn A, 6 sc, 2 sc in next st, 6 sc in yarn D*, rep from * to * to end (140 sts).

Round 15: *2 sc in first st, 13 sc in yarn A, 2 sc in next st, 13 sc in yarn C*, rep from * to * to end (150 sts).

Round 11: *2 sc in yarn A, 2 sc in yarn D, 1 sc, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in yarn C, 2 sc in yarn D*, rep from * to * to end (110 sts).

Round 12: *2 sc in yarn A, 2 sc in yarn D, 3 sc, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in yarn C, 2 sc in yarn D*, rep from * to * to end (120 sts).

Round 13: 1 sc, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in yarn A, *2 sc in yarn D, 4 sc in yarn C, 2 sc in yarn D, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in yarn A*, rep from * to * to last st, 1 sc in yarn A (130 sts).

Round 14: 3 sc, 2 sc in 1 st, 1 sc in yarn A, 2 sc in yarn D, 2 sc in yarn C, 2 sc in yarn D, *4 sc, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in yarn A, 2 sc in yarn D, 2 sc in yarn C, 2 sc in yarn D*, rep from * to * to last 2 sts, 2 sc in yarn A (140 sts).

Round 15: 2 sc in 1 st, 6 sc in yarn A, *4 sc in yarn D, 2 sc, 2 sc in next st, 7 sc in yarn A*, rep from * to * to last 3 sts, 3 sc in yarn A (150 sts).

Round 16: 2 sc in yarn A, *2 sc in 1 st in yarn E, 5 sc in yarn A, 4 sc in yarn D, 5 sc in yarn A*, rep from * to * to last 3 sts, 3 sc in yarn A (160 sts).

Round 17: 2 sc in yarn A, *2 sc in 1 st, 1 sc in yarn E, 5 sc in yarn A, 4 sc in yarn D, 5 sc in yarn A*, rep from * to * to last 3 sts, 3 sc in yarn A (170 sts).

Round 18: 2 sc in yarn A, *2 sc, 2 sc in 1 st in yarn E, 5 sc in yarn A, 4 sc in yarn D, 5 sc in yarn A*, rep from * to * to last 3 sts, 3 sc in yarn A (180 sts).

Round 19: 2 sc in yarn A, *1 sc, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in yarn E, 5 sc in yarn A, 4 sc in yarn D, 5 sc in yarn A*, rep from * to * to last 3 sts, 3 sc in yarn A (190 sts).

Round 20: 2 sc in yarn A, *2 sc in yarn E, 2 sc in next st in yarn B, 2 sc in yarn E, 5 sc in yarn A, 4 sc in yarn D, 5 sc in yarn A*, rep from * to * to last 3 sts, 3 sc in yarn A (200 sts).

Round 21: 2 sc in yarn A, *2 sc in yarn E, 1 sc, 2 sc in 1 st in yarn B, 2 sc in yarn E, 5 sc in yarn A, 4 sc in yarn D, 5 sc in yarn A*, rep from * to * to last 3 sts, 3 sc in yarn A (210 sts).

Round 22: 2 sc in yarn A, *1 sc, 2 sc in next st, 5 sc in yarn E, 5 sc in yarn A, 4 sc in yarn D, 5 sc in yarn A*, rep from * to * to last 3 sts, 3 sc in yarn A (220 sts).

Round 23: 13 sc, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in yarn A, *4 sc in yarn D, 16 sc, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in yarn A*, rep from * to * to last 3 sts, 3 sc in yarn A (230 sts).

In **round 24** increase by 2 stitches instead of 10.

Round 24: using yarn D, 2 sc in next st, 114 sc, 2 sc in next st, 114 sc (232 sts).

Work from here onwards using the chart. First, have a look at the section on staggering, so you can learn how to make the end result nice and neat. The explanation of the crochet chart on page 63 describes how to work the first rounds. The rest should be self-evident.

Staggering

Please note, this pattern is staggered to the left of the starting point, in the middle of the cross pattern. To make sure the pattern is even nicer, leave 2 sc in yarn A at the top left, before you start working on the lines in the following section.

