LIFE OF THE SKY BAG--PART 2

Note: This bag is Freeform style which usually means no pattern! Each section will have a summary of flowers used. Those with experience and confidence are welcome to work from that summary. Those of you new to Freeform can use the pattern. It is advised to use this pattern as a guideline. A lot of effort has gone into making this as detailed as possible. But due to the nature of Freeform, an exact replica is not possible. Most flowers use a “join as you go” method with chains and slip stitches. There are many “how-to videos” available online if unfamiliar with this technique. Each bag will have a unique look, vary in sizes, and may differ in where your flowers and joins fit in. So don’t be afraid to let your creativity flow!

Part 2 Summary:
Begin joining flowers and decorative rows to the top piece of bag.

List of flowers used in Part 2:
Summer Day Flower: 1
Popcorn Flower: 1
Heart Flower: 1
Bullion Petals Flower: 2
Spiral: 1
Double Bullion Flower: 1
Decorative Rows on Heart Flower and Spiral

Hint: It is recommended to use a box with an approximate size 12x13x2 inches/30x33x5 cm (your dimensions may be different, that’s ok). The top band needs to fit snugly around the box—cut and tape cardboard as necessary to adjust the size of your box.
The box will serve as a framework:
1. to provide a shape to get a 3-dimensional bag,
2. to keep all your crocheted parts at an equal tension,
3. and to make all sides equal lengths.
The upper piece must sit firmly on the box. When you begin to attach the flowers remember to gently stretch them. In parts 2- 5 you will continue adding flowers until the entire surface is covered. Please note: the pictures in part 2 do not show the use of the box, but it is recommended to use one as shown in this photo from part 3.
Some testers preferred to work on their bag separately from the box and occasionally fit the bag around the box to check on size and placement.
SMALL FLOWERS
(These are used throughout the next few parts of the bag. It is recommended that you print these instructions to use throughout rest of bag. Do NOT work them until indicated in pattern.)

1. Popcorn flower
2. Bullion petals flower
3. Double Bullion flower
4. Spiral

1. POPCORN FLOWER

5 dc Popcorn (pc): Make 5 dc into the same st, drop loop (lp) from hook, insert hook from front to back through top of first st made, place dropped lp back onto hook and pull through st, close popcorn with a ch1 (does not count as a stitch)
Starting popcorn: the first dc will be a standing dc or ch 3.

Popcorn Flower:
Ch 6, join with sl st to 1st sc to form a ring or make magic ring.
Round 1: 10 sc into the ring. Do not join. (10 sc)
Round 2: 10 sc over row 1 into ring, join with sl st to first sc. (10 sc)
Round 3: Ch 1 (does not count as a st), (Sc, ch 2, sc) in each sc around, join to the 1st sc with a sl st. (20 sc, 10 ch2-sp)
Round 4: Slip stitch into ch2-sp, (pc into the ch2sp, ch 3) 10 times, join to the top of 1st popcorn with a sl st. (10 pc, 10 ch3-sp)
Round 5: Slip stitch into ch3-sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 4 dc into the same ch-sp, *5 dc into the next ch3-sp* 9 times, join to the 3rd ch with a sl st. (50 dc)
Fasten off and secure ends.
2. BULLION PETALS FLOWER

Stitches:

Puff Stitch: Yo and insert your hook into the specified stitch/space. Yo again and pull up a long loop. (Yo, insert hook into same stitch/space, yo and pull up a loop) twice. Yo and pull through all 7 loops on your hook. Ch 1 to close the Puff Stitch (ch1 does not count as stitch). At beg of Round 2 - pull the loop on your hook up to count as your first loop, as shown in the photo, then repeat from brackets, inserting hook into same place as join, to complete the first Puff Stitch.

Spike sc: Working into same stitch as puff stitch, sc into sc of round 1, pull up loop to height of round 3, yo and pull through both loops.

Bullion stitch: (Petals) Ch 5, *hook under the chains, yo and draw loop around chains, yo, draw through loop*, there will be 2 loops on hook, repeat from *to*, 7 more times, 9 loops on hook, insert hook into next st (the spike sc), yo, and pull through all loops on hook (pull tight to form a petal), sk next st, sl st into next st. Repeat from Ch5 to make another petal.

Bullion Petals Flower:
Ch 5, join with sl st to 1st ch to form a ring or make magic ring.

Round 1: Ch 1 (does not count as st), 8 sc into the ring. Join with sl st to 1st sc. (8 sc)

Round 2: Pull loop up, as photo shows, *puff st, ch 2* 8 times. Join to the 1st puff st with sl st. Fasten off. (8 puff sts, 8 ch2-sps)

Round 3: Join new color with standing sc into any ch2-sp from round 2, spike sc, sc into same space, *sc, spike sc, sc into next ch2-sp* 7 times. Join to the 1st sc with sl st and either fasten off or continue with same colour. (16 sc, 8 spike sts)
Round 4: Join to sc before a spike sc. Work 8 bullion stitch petals. Join with a sl st to bottom of first bullion petal. (8 petals)

Round 5: Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch.) Working behind petals *sc between petals, ch 5* 8 times in total. Join to the 1st sc with sl st. (8 sc, 8 ch5-sps) **Note:** During this round you will join-as-you-go to other pieces on the bag.
Fasten off and secure ends.
3. DOUBLE BULLION FLOWER

Stitches:

**Crab stitch:** Right side facing, insert the hook, from front to back, in the next stitch to the right, grab yarn and draw through under the first loop, yo and draw the yarn through the 2 loops on the hook.

**Double Bullion stitch:** *Ch 5, (hook under the chains, yo and draw loop around chains, yo, draw through loop), 10 times, 11 loops on hook. Insert hook in the back loop of same st as ch5. Yo, pull through all loops on hook. (You may find it easier to make a sc before pulling through all loops.) Pull loop longer so that all 11 loops lie flat and are not bunched up. Leave this long loop on hook. Insert hook into next back loop sc of the 1st row, yo and pull up loop*. Repeat *-* for each double bullion stitch. Note: when working subsequent double bullion sts, on the 5th chain work both loops off the hook.

**Bullion Flower:**

Ch 5, join with sl st to form a ring or make magic ring.

**Round 1:** Ch 1 (does not count as st), 10 sc into the ring. Join with a sl st. (10 sc)

**Round 2:** Ch 1, crab stitch into front loop of each sc of previous row (sometimes I make crab stitches, sometimes a single crochet). Join with a sl st into back loop of next st. (10 crab sts)

**Round 3:** Make 1 double bullion stitch (described above) into back loop of each sc of 1st round. After the first and all following double bullions when you work the 5th ch, work off both loops on hook. (10 double bullion sts)

On last bullion after pulling through all loops, cut a long tail and pull the end up through all loops so end is at the top of the stitch. Insert hook through top of first double bullion stitch, yarn over, pull through and fasten off.

Fasten off and secure ends.
4. Spiral

**Bullion block stitch:** Yarn over as many times as pattern calls for. After completing all of the yarn overs, insert your hook into indicated st with sl st (or sc), yo, pull through all loops on hook, ch 1 with long loop.

e.g. Yo, hook under dc, draw loop, yo, hook under dc, draw loop, yo, sl st in the same st, yo, pull through 7 loops, ch 1. (Bullion block st 3 x around dc = 7 loops on hook) Next yo comes around loop made with ch 1 and after all yo, you either sl st into next sc or same sc.

**Surface sl st:** Insert the hook from the front of your work to the back of it. Make a slip knot on the hook. Pull up a loop from back to front of your work (the loop of the slipknot should be at the front of the work and slipknot behind your work and yarn is staying behind your work). Insert the hook into the indicated stitch or space, yo, pull up the loop and through the loop on hook as sl st.

**Starting Spiral:**
Work Ch 5, join with sl st to form a ring.

**Round 1:** Ch 1 (does not count as st), 8 sc into the ring. Do not join.

*Note: The first bullion block stitch is worked around the previous dc, but all the others are worked around the long loop made from ch1 of previous bullion block stitch.*

Sc in the ch 1, pull loop to the height of a dc, work a dc in the 1st sc, bullion block stitch around last made dc (3 x around =7 loops), 2 bullion block sts in the next st, 1 bullion block st in the next st. (total: 4 bullion block sts)

2 bullion block sts in the next st (4x around= 9 loops), 1 bullion block st in the next st. (total: 3 bullion block sts)

2 bullion block sts in the next st (5 x around = 11 loops), 1 bullion block st in the next st, 2 bullion block sts in the next st. (total: 5 bullion block st)

1 bullion block st in last sc (5 x around =11 loops). (total: 1 bullion block st)

**Round 2:**
2 bullion block sts in the first loop (that was pulled as high as dc). (6x around= 13 loops)

Bullion block st (6x around=13 loops) into top of bullion block sts, bullion block st between sts from previous round, bullion block st into top of next bullion block st. = 3 bullion block sts.

Bullion block st (7x around=15 loops) between sts from previous round, bullion block st into top of next bullion block st, bullion block st between sts from previous round. = 3 bullion block sts. Fasten off.
**Stitch count:** 21 bullion block sts

**Round 3:** (Surface sl st)
Starting inside of the ring pull through a loop on hook, insert hook in the same sc, as 1<sup>st</sup> bullion st, *pull yarn through from back of spiral and through loop on hook *. Repeat from *-* in every sc on the 1<sup>st</sup> rnd. Then repeat from *-* into tops of block bullion sts and spaces as indicated in photo, last surface st falls top of 1<sup>st</sup> bullion st just past last bullion st (see photo). (16 sl st)
**Round 4:** Skip the next bullion block stitch, sc in space between sts, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in the next 5 sts, *2 dc in the next st, dc in the next st* 2 times in total, dc in the next 2 sts, 2 dc in the next st, dc in the next st, tr in the next 4 sts, *2 tr in the next st, tr in the next st,* 5 times in total, tr in next 2 sts, 2 tr in the next st. Fasten off and secure ends.
PART 2: Detailed Guideline:
Remember: Use photos as a guide for general placement and joining of your flowers. It does not have to be exactly the same as photo—Freeform!!

This photo is a guide only to help with flower placement. The numbers correspond to a step in this part of the pattern. Not all steps are numbered on this picture.

1. Attach Summer Day Flower to top part of bag using chains and slip stitches as seen in photo. Align the right side of the flower with the edge of the top piece. (Photo P1)

2. Make a Popcorn Flower (see Small Flowers document). During last row attach with slip stitches to Summer Day Flower and to top piece as shown in photo above.

3. Fill in the space between top part, Summer Day Flower and Popcorn Flower with chains and slip stitches as seen in photo below. (P2)
4. Make Bullion Petals Flower. On last row, attach to Popcorn Flower, top piece and also add Heart Flower on left side toward the bottom. (P3)

5. Make another Bullion Petals Flower and attach to the left side of top piece and to the Heart Flower. (P4)
6. Make a Spiral. Attach last stitch to the left side, between the groups of 4sc, of the Heart Flower. Using chains and slip stitches attach the other rows of the Spiral to the flower as well, as shown in photo. (P5)

7. Working along the bottom edge of Heart Flower, into the groups of 4sc, join yarn with standing sc where Spiral and Flower are connected. Sc into first sc of 4sc group, hdc in next 2, 2dc in each of next 2, (dc in next 5, 2dc in next) twice, dc in next 2, 2dc in next, (dc in next, 2dc in next) 3 times, dc in next 5, 2dc in next, dc in next 3, 2dc in next, dc in next 2, sl st to ch5 of Bullion Flower. (P6) Do not fasten off.

8. Crab stitch into front loop only back to the join at the Spiral. (P7)
9. Working in back loops only, ch1, work 2sc into first st, sc in next 2sts, 2hdc in next, dc in next 19sts, tr in all sts to end, sl st into space of Popcorn Flower chain and work crab st in each st back to join, sl st into 2nd stitch of Spiral. (P8)

10. Make a Bullion Flower, joining as you go with slip stitches to Summer Day Flower, Popcorn Flower, and the edging just completed of Heart Flower. See photo below. (P9)
11. Turn work to wrong side. Working on the bottom and left side of Spiral, attach yarn where edging of Heart Flower and Spiral meet at the bottom. 

*The back loop to work into is sometimes referred to as the third back loop (camel hump). It is the horizontal bar just below the top of the sts. Do not work into the top sts as these make the decorative edge around the Spiral.*

**Row 1:** working in **back horizontal bar only**, (sc, ch 2, sk 1 st) around and join to the top of flower.

Turn work to right side, attach further up Heart Flower with chains and sl sts. 

**Row 2:** *5 dc popcorn in ch 2 space, ch 3 * rep from *to* last ch 2 space, omit ch 3 and sl st to outer edge of Heart Flower. (19 popcorns) (P10 &11)