

AFRICAN FLOWER HEXAGON LAPTOP CASE (CONSTRUCTION)

In order to make this laptop case, you will first need to know how to make the “African Flower Hexagon”. I used the tutorial from Heidi Bear’s blog to make my motifs.

<http://heidibearscreative.blogspot.com/2010/05/african-flower-hexagon-crochet-tutorial.html>

Next you will need to measure your laptop. Each of your motifs should measure 1/3 of the total width of your laptop. (My laptop is 15” wide so my motifs are 5” across the flats.) You can make the motifs larger or smaller by changing the size of your needle, or by crocheting more rounds to your motif. After you make your measurements, you will need to crochet 17 “African Flower Hexagon” motifs.

Sew in all ends. Lay out motifs in a large area – you should have three motifs on the bottom and two rows of six above that [below]. There will be two left over, these are for the flaps.



Sew together here

Next sew vertical edges of the rows together [above]. To do this place the right sides together and slip stitch across the back. Sew in these ends

You are now ready to begin shaping your bag. Fold the bottom three hexagons across the horizontal plane. Next fold the 2nd hexagon from the left in half towards the middle, do the same with the 2nd hexagon from the right. Finally, place the first hexagon on the left, on top of the 2nd from the left. The 1st hexagon from the right will be placed on top of the third hexagon from the left.

When preparing to seam these edges together, I found it difficult to keep my place, and straight pins would not hold my fabric. In order to combat this, I used scrap pieces of yarn to tie all of the corners together, and removed them as I went along [below].



With right sides together, begin seaming the rows together. Once again, I used the slip stitch method. This creates slight ridges on the inside, but it is secure and nearly invisible on the right side. Pay extra attention to the convergence points and the two bottom corners [above]. Sew in ends.

Join two remaining motifs across the flat edge. Determine the placement on your laptop case and attach again with the slip stitch, making sure the right sides are together when you begin seaming. Finish off and tie in ends. I used Velcro-dots for my closures, but you could use buttons or snaps. Be creative.

