How to Join Squares Boho Boss Bag

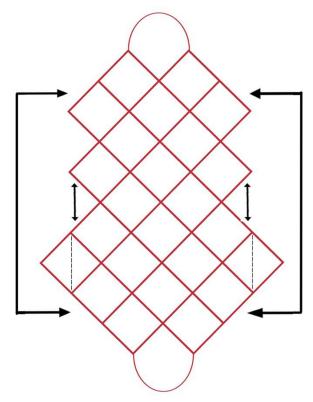
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Overview:

The squares are joined by single crochet. Review the diagrams first (larger diagrams at end of document). Then follow the instructions for how to single crochet the squares together.

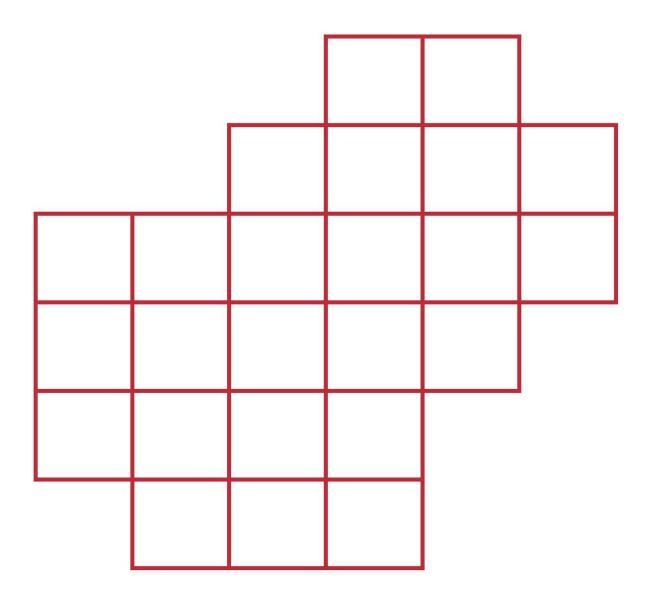
How to Assemble the Squares:



The previous diagram shows how the squares are connected in the finished bag, oriented in such a way that you can "envision" the finished bag with handles.

Step One:

If we rotate the above diagram, it is easier to see square placement by row. Find a large work space and lay out your squares to resemble the below diagram:



Step Two:

In this step, you will be single crocheting the squares together, first crocheting all the rows in the above diagram. Then crocheting all the columns. Finally you will fold the piece together and crochet the squares that make up the sides of the bag.

Start each row with a standing single crochet and then crochet the squares together working through the back loops only. The photo below shows the single crochet worked through both loops of both pieces (which you can do if you prefer the look).



Here's how to crochet the squares together:

Single crochet the squares together, following the diagram. First assemble the rows across. Working with 2 squares at a time, single crochet in the back loops of both squares. When you come to the end of those 2 squares, pick up the next 2 squares and continue single crocheting. Continue across until all the squares for those 2 rows are joined. This will leave the sides loose for now.

Continue to single crochet the next row, square by square to the 2 rows you just completed. Continue on to attach all the rows

When you are finished, lay out the squares and make sure they still form the same pattern as the above diagram. It is surprisingly easy to mess up this step and get a

block in the wrong row. So take a moment to make sure every square is where it should be and rip out and correct if you've made a mistake.

Then repeat the process to crochet the columns together.

Finally look at the first diagram and follow the arrows to crochet the sides of the bag together. The dotted lines represent the two squares that fold in half on the sides of the finished bag.

I found it easiest to pin those pieces together (or fasten with stitch holders), and refer to the diagram a few times to make sure I was crocheting the appropriate squares together.

Here is the finished bag to show the squares sewn together. Note that on each side, the top 2 squares form a "M" shape. The top edges of these squares (that form the "M") are not crocheted together. This will enable you to open the finished bag easily.



