

Mushroom Tote Bag Free Crochet Pattern

Inspired by Sunflower Bag from Crochet 365 Knit Too

(<https://www.crochet365knittoo.com/sweet-summer-sunflower-bag/>)

Materials:

- US G/6 crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Worsted weight acrylic yarn (I'll put the exact ones I used in parentheses)
 - 4 oz tan (Craft Smart in Taupe)
 - 3.5 oz green (Loops and Threads Impeccable in Green Lagoon)
 - Small amount of:
 - red (Craft Smart in Bright Red)
 - bright orange (Red Heart Super Saver in Pumpkin)
 - light orange (Hand Made Modern in Sunrise)
 - gold (Red Heart Super Saver in Gold)
 - burgundy (Red Heart Super Saver in Claret)
 - dark orange (Red Heart Soft in Tangerine)



Squares (make 13):

Start with green.

Round 1: Into a magic ring, chain 2, dc 11, sl st to first dc [not the chain!], pull ring closed. (12)

Round 2: Ch 2, dc inc into same stitch, dc inc around, sl st to first dc (24)

Round 3: Ch 2, dc into same stitch, dc inc, *dc 1, dc inc* around, sl st to first dc (36)

Round 4: Ch 2, dc into same stitch, dc 1, dc inc, *dc 2, dc inc* around, sl st to first dc (48)

[This is just the way I create dc circles without a visible seam – if you have another way you do it, go for it! Just make sure the base round is 12 stitches, and after the 4th round you have 48 stitches.]

Stitch to tan.

Round 5: Ch 2, hdc, dc 3, tr 1, (tr 1, ch 2, tr 1) all into next stitch, *tr 1, dc 3, hdc 3, dc 3, tr 1, (tr 1, ch 2, tr 1) all into next stitch* 3 times, tr 1, dc 3, hdc 1, slip stitch into first ch2. Fasten off. Whether or not you leave a tail depends on how you're connecting all the squares. If you're sewing them together, leave a tail long enough to do that. If you slip stitch them together on the inside, like I did, you'll just need to leave a short tail to weave in.

Mushroom top (make 12, I did 2 of each in 6 colors):

Chain 11.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd chain from hook, sc in each stitch across (10)

Row 2: Dec 1, sc 6, dec 1 (8)

Row 3: Dec 1, sc 4, dec 1 (6)

Row 4: Dec 1, sc 2, dec 1 (4)

Row 5: Dec 2 (2)

Sc around the entire border to give it a round look. Fasten off, leaving a long enough tail to sew it onto the square.

Mushroom bottom (make 12, in tan):

Chain 7.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd chain from hook, sc 1, hdc 2, dc 1, 3 dc in last chain. Now continue to crochet on the underside of the chain. Dc 1 into next stitch, hdc 2, sc 2. Fasten off, leaving a long enough tail to sew it onto the square.



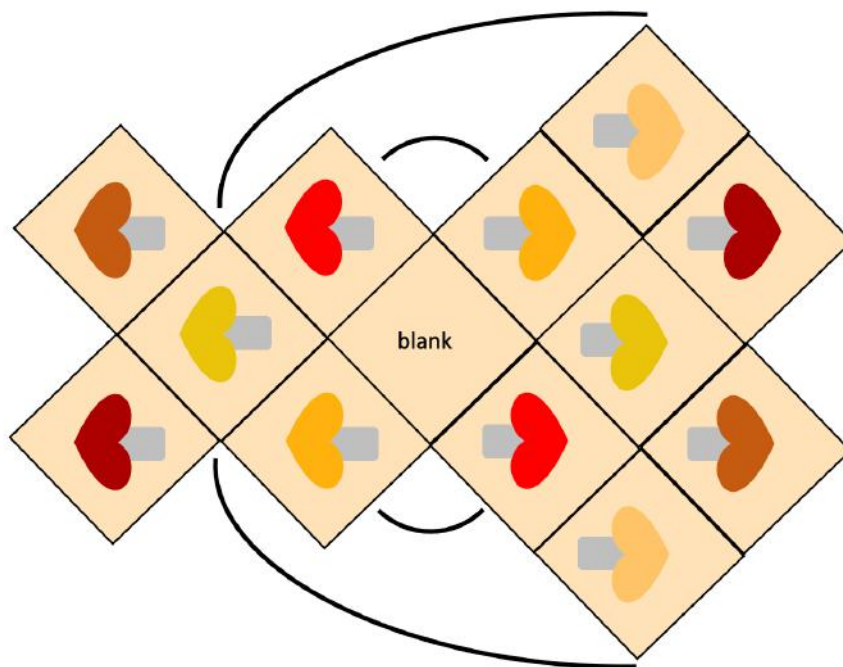
Assembly:

Sew the mushroom tops and bottoms onto 12 of the 13 squares. One square will be left blank - this is the one on the very bottom of the bag.

The organization of the squares is from the Sunflower Bag from Crochet 365 Knit Too – I take no credit for the way the bag is laid out! This is the link for it:

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This is how I laid out my mushrooms so that the bag would look the same on both sides. The black curved lines show how the bag will be folded and sewn/crocheted together. I slip stitched along the inside to join mine, but this could also be sewn with a whip stitch, mattress stitch, etc.



I followed Crochet 365 Knit Too's pattern for the edges/handles, but instead of chaining 70 for the handles, I chained 105.

Weave in all your tails, and you're done!

