

Stylin' Tote Bag



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Hooks: G for Bag and F for Straps

Yarn: 640-670 yard worsted weight [525 yds main color; 138 yds 2nd color]

Gauge: 20 sc = 4 in and 19 rows sc = 4 in.

Note: All rounds are joined at the end. While I made this bag with two colors I am going to present the directions as it were one color.

Bag

CH 40

Rnd 1: 1 sc in second ch from hook; 1 sc in next 37 ch; 5 sc in last ch; turn corner; working in bottom of ch, 1 sc in next 37 sts; 4 sc in same ch as first sc of this rnd; slip st into first sc to join – 84 sc. Do NOT turn.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc 1 in the same sc as slip st, 1 sc in next 38 sc; in last sc of row; [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc] 1st corner; sc in next st; [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc] in next sc; 2nd corner, 1

sc in next 39 sc, [1 sc, 2 ch, 1 sc] in next sc (last stitch in row), 3rd corner; 1 sc in next st; [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc] in next sc, last corner, sl st into first sc of rnd to join 88 sc

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc 1 in the same sc as slip st, 1 sc across to ch 2 sp; 1st corner; [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc]; sc in next 3 sc; work [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc] in next ch 2 sp, 2nd corner; 1 sc across to ch 2 space, [1 sc, 2 ch, 1 sc] in ch-2 sp, 3rd corner; 1 sc in next 3 sc; [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc] in last ch-2 sp, sc in next sc, sl st into first sc of rnd to join. 96 sc

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc 1 in the same sc as slip st, work 1 sc across to ch-2 sp; work corner; [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc]; sc in next 5 sc; work [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc] in next ch-2 sp (2nd corner); work 1 sc across to ch-2 sp, [1 sc, 2 ch, 1 sc] in ch-2 sp; 1 sc in next 5 sc; [1 sc 2 ch, 1 sc] in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sc, slip st into first sc of rnd to join. 104 sc

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc 1 in the same sc as slip st, work 1 sc across to ch-2 sp; work corner; [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc]; sc in next 7 sc; [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc] in next ch-2 sp (2nd corner); 1 sc across to ch-2 sp, [1 sc, 2 ch, 1 sc] in ch-2 sp; 1 sc in next 7 sc; [1 sc 2 ch, 1 sc] in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sc, slip st into first sc of rnd to join. 112 sc

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sc 1 in the same sc as slip st, 1 sc across to ch-2 sp; work corner; [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc]; sc in next 9 sc; [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc] in next ch-2 sp (2nd corner); 1 sc across to ch-2 sp, [1 sc, 2 ch, 1 sc] in ch-2 sp; 1 sc in next 9 sc; [1 sc 2 ch, 1 sc] in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 4 sc, slip st into first sc of rnd to join. 120 sc

Rnd 7: Ch 1, sc 1 in the same sc as slip st, 1 sc across to ch-2 space; work corner; [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc]; sc in next 11 sc; [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc] in next ch-2 sp (2nd corner); 1 sc across to ch-2 sp, [1 sc, 2 ch, 1 sc] in ch-2 space; 1 sc in next 11 sc; [1 sc 2 ch, 1 sc] in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 5 sc, slip st into first sc of rnd to join. 128 sc .

Rnd 8: Ch 1, sc 1 in the same sc as slip st, 1 sc across to ch-2 sp; work corner; [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc]; sc in next 13 sc; [1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc] in next ch-2 sp (2nd corner); 1 sc across to ch-2 sp, [1 sc, 2 ch, 1 sc] in ch-2 sp; 1 sc in next 13 sc; [1 sc 2 ch, 1 sc] in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 6 sc, sl st into first sc of rnd to join, sl st to end off. 136 sc **NOTE:** Block the bottom at this point to 11-1/2" x 3".

Rnd 9: BACK LOOPS ONLY Slip stitch in any ch-2 corner, 3 sc in ch-2 corner, sc in each sc around making 3 sc in each ch-2 corner, sl st to join. (150 stitches)

Rnds 10-13: SC around. Color change at the end of Rnd 13 if using two colors.

Rnd 14: Sc around.

Rnds 15-16: BACK LOOP ONLY, Sc around. (If using two colors, change at the end of Rnd 16 back to main color.)

Rnd 17: Ch 4 (becomes first dc of 3-dc group), 2 dc in first sc, * skip 2 sc, 3 dc in next sc; repeat from * around. Sl st into 3rd loop of beginning chain. (50 3-dc groups).

Rnd 18: Ch 4, skip the first Ch-3 dc group, * 3 dc into the next stitch (between two groups) repeat from * around. 2 dc in same space as beginning chain to complete final 50-dc group. Sl st into 3rd loop of chain.

Rnd 19: Ch 4 (becomes first dc of 3-dc group), 2 dc in next stitch, * skip 2 st, 3 dc in next st (space between next two groups); repeat from * around. Sl st into 3rd loop of beginning chain.

Rnds 20- 52: Alternate and repeat **Rnds 14-16** and **Rnds 17-19** ending with Rnd 16. (These rounds may be repeated in any number to achieve the size bag wanted, if different)

Rnd 53-57: Sc around, sl st to end piece.

Straps (make 2), Hook size F.

Ch 6 leaving a long tail to attach to bag.

Row 1, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each of remaining 4 sc, turn.

Rows 2 – 116, ch 1 sc in each of 5 st. Do not fasten off, sc in each stitch around outsides of strap, [sc, ch 1, sc] in each corner. Fasten off leaving a long tail to attach to bag.

Position straps 3-1/4 “ from outside edge of bag. Attach using tails. (I sewed with regular sewing thread first and then used tails to finish).

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