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CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®:
5 skeins 0400 Grey Heather

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
5mm [US H-8]

Pair of 6½ x 5" (16.5 x 12.5 cm)
wooden purse handles, large
wooden button, pins, yarn needle

GAUGE: 13 sts = 4" (10cm); 14
rows = 4" (10cm), in cable pattern
(on panels). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.**
Use any size hook to obtain the
gauge.



RED HEART® Super
Saver®, Art. E300
available in solid
color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m);
multicolor, heather and print 5 oz
(141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz
(141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

Plus Size Cable Bag

*You'll find so many uses for this oversized,
yet still elegant, bag. Crocheted cables add
dimension and style to the one bag you'll
never leave home without!*

Bag measures 16" (40.5 cm) tall, 18"
(45.5 cm) wide (from side to side), and
5" (12.5 cm) deep (from front to back)

Special Stitches

Fpdc = Front post double crochet. Yarn over,
insert hook from front side of work to back
and to front again around post of indicated
stitch; yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on
hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (2
loops on hook), yarn over and draw through
2 loops (1 loop on hook). Skip the next stitch
in the row into which you would usually work,
"behind" the post stitch.

2/2 LC (2 over 2 Left Cross) = Skip next 2
stitches, Fpdc around each of next 2 post
stitches 2 rows below; working in front of
the 2 Fpdc just made, Fpdc in each of the
2 skipped post stitches 2 rows below. Skip
the next 4 stitches in the row into which you
would usually work, "behind" the cross.

2/2 RC (2 over 2 Right Cross) = Skip next
2 stitches, Fpdc around each of next 2 post
stitches 2 rows below; working behind the 2
Fpdc just made, Fpdc in each of the 2 skipped
post stitches 2 rows below. Skip the next
4 stitches in the row into which you would
usually work, "behind" the cross.

Notes

1. Bag is made from two panels and one
gusset. The panels form the front and back
of the bag. The gusset forms the bottom
and sides.
2. The post stitches of the Left Cross (2/2
LC) and Right Cross (2/2 RC) are worked
around the post of the post stitches 2 rows
below (skipping over the row of sc stitches
in the previous row).
3. When instructed to work into a stitch "2
rows below", you should work into the
indicated stitch in the row numbered 2
less than the current row. For example, if

- you are working Row 12, stitches "2 rows
below" are in Row 12 - 2 = Row 10.
4. After working a Fpdc, Left Cross or Right
Cross, take care to skip the stitch(es) in the
row into which you would usually work,
"behind" the stitch(es) or cross.
 5. When instructed to work around the next
post stitch 2 rows below, you may need to
reach forward or back with the hook to reach
the indicated post stitch, this creates the
leaning stitches that form the cable pattern.

PANEL (make 2)

Beginning at lower edge, ch 59.

Row 1 (wrong side): Dc in 3rd ch from
hook (beginning ch counts as first st), *sc in
next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * across,
turn—58 sts.

Rows 2–7: Ch 2 (counts as first st here and
throughout), skip first st, *dc in next sc, sc in
next dc; repeat from * across, dc in last st (top
of turning ch), turn.

Rows 8 and 9: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 10: Ch 2, turn, skip first st, Fpdc around
each of next 4 sts 2 rows below, *sc in next
5 sts, Fpdc around each of next 2 sts 2 rows
below, sc in next 2 sts, Fpdc around each of
next 4 sts 2 rows below, sc in next 2 sts, Fpdc
around each of next 2 sts 2 rows below, sc in
next 5 sts, Fpdc around each of next 4 sts 2
rows below; repeat from * once more, sc in
last st, turn.

Row 11: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 12: Ch 2, skip first st, 2/2 LC, *sc in next
5 sts, Fpdc around each of next 2 post sts 2
rows below, sc in next 2 sts, 2/2 LC, sc in next
2 sts, Fpdc around each of next 2 post sts 2
rows below, sc in next 5 sts, 2/2 LC; repeat
from * once more, sc in last st, turn.

Rows 13–20: Repeat Rows 9–12 twice.

Row 21: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 22: Ch 2, skip first st, Fpdc around each

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of next 4 post sts 2 rows below, *sc in next 6 sts, Fpdc around each of next 2 post sts 2 rows below, sc in next st, Fpdc around each of next 4 post sts 2 rows below, sc in next st, Fpdc around each of next 2 post sts 2 rows below, sc in next 6 sts, Fpdc around each of next 4 post sts 2 rows below; repeat from * once more, sc in last st, turn.

Row 23: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 24: Ch 2, skip first st, 2/2 LC, *sc in next 6 sts, 2/2 RC, sc in next 2 sts, 2/2 LC, sc in next 6 sts, 2/2 LC; repeat from * once more, sc in last st, turn.

Row 25: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 26: Repeat Row 22.

Row 27: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 28: Ch 2, skip first st, 2/2 LC, *sc in next 5 sts, Fpdc around each of next 2 post sts 2 rows below, sc in next 2 sts, 2/2 LC, sc in next 2 sts, Fpdc around each of next 2 post sts 2 rows below, sc in next 5 sts, 2/2 LC; repeat from * once more, sc in last st, turn.

Rows 29–40: Repeat Rows 9–12 three times.

Rows 41–48: Repeat Rows 21–28.

Rows 49–56: Repeat Rows 9–12 twice.

Rows 57 and 58: Repeat Rows 9 and 10. Do not turn at the end of Row 58.

Edging (right side): Slip st evenly around entire outer edge of panel; join with slip st in first slip st. Fasten off.

GUSSET

Ch 17.

Row 1 (right side): Dc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, *dc in next ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * across, turn—16 sts.

Row 2: Ch 1, *dc in next sc, sc in next dc; repeat from * across, turn.

Repeat Row 2 until gusset measures long enough to go around three sides of a panel (two short sides and bottom edge). Fasten off.

HANDLE TABS (make 8)

Note: Two handle straps are used to attach each end of the two wooden purse handles. Leaving a long beginning tail (for sewing tab to top of bag), ch 10.

Row 1: Slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing tab to top of bag.

BUTTON LOOP

Leaving a long beginning tail (for sewing loop to center front of bag), ch 17.

Row 1: Slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing loop to center front of bag.

FINISHING

Arrange gusset around outer edge of three sides (two short sides and bottom edge) of one panel, forming sides and bottom of bag, and pin in place. Sew side edge of gusset to side edges of panel. Repeat to sew second panel to opposite side edge of gusset. Lay bag flat and place wooden handle centered above top edge of front. Sew one end of two handle straps to front edge below one end of handle. Thread both handle straps through the hole in wooden handle and sew other end of both straps to wrong side of front edge. Repeat to attach two handle straps to other end of wooden handle. Then repeat to attach second wooden handle to back. Fold button loop in half and sew both ends to wrong side of center of top edge of back. Sew button to center front, opposite button loop. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); * = repeat whatever follows the *as indicated.

