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CROCHET
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Trendy Tote Bag

Here's a crocheted bag that is sure to become your favorite for carrying a current yarn project or taking along on your daily adventures. Using two strands of yarn as you crochet gives it stability and an interesting tweedy texture.

What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 1 skein each of 368 Paddy Green A, 624 Tea Leaf B and 512 Turqua C.

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 6.5 mm [US K-10 1/2].
Yarn needle.

Yarn needle, 1¼" (4.5 cm) Buttons (JHB International layered toggle #80272 black)

GAUGE: 8 sts and 8 rows in pattern = 4" (10 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge given.



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 (141g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

Finished Size: 17" (43 cm) wide x 14" (35.5 cm) deep. **Strap measures 24" (61 cm)**

Note: Use doubled yarn throughout pattern.

BAG

Front/Back (make 2)

With one strand each of **A** and **B** held together as one, ch 36.

Row 1: Dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in each ch across; turn – 35 dc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first st, *skip next st, (dc, sc) in next st; repeat from * across; turn – 35 sts.

Rows 3-4: Repeat Row 2. At end of last row, change to **A** and **C**.

Rows 5-6: With **A** and **C**, repeat Row 2. At end of last row, change to **A** and **B**.

Rows 7-10: With **A** and **B**, repeat Row 2. At end of last row, change to **A** and **C**.

Row 11-12: Repeat Rows 5-6.

Row 13-18: Repeat Rows 7-12. At end of last row, change **A** and **B**.

Rows 19-25: Repeat Row 2.

Edging

With right side of Front/Back facing, join one strand each of **A** and **B** in top left corner, ch 1, working across left side edge, work 24 sc evenly spaced across side, 3 sc in corner st, work 32 sc evenly spaced across bottom, 3 sc in corner st, work 24 sts evenly spaced across side to next corner. Fasten off.

Shoulder Straps (make 2)

With one strand each of **A** and **B** held together as one, ch 61.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across; turn – 60 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn. Change to **A** and **C**.

Row 3: With **A** and **C**, repeat Row 2. Change to **A** and **B**.

Row 4: Repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

Closure Flap

With one strand each of **A** and **B** held together as one, ch 7.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each st across; turn – 6 sc.

Row 2-10: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 11: Ch 1, sc in first 2 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in each of last 2 sts; turn — 6 sts. Change to **A** and **C**.

Row 12: With **A** and **C**, ch 1, sc in first 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 space, sc in each of last 2 sts; turn – 6 sc.

Row 13: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in each of next 3 sts, skip next st, sc in last st – 4 sc. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

Bag

With right sides facing, using one strand each of **A** and **B** held together as one, sew Front to Back across Edging on 3 sides, leaving top edge open.

Closure Strap and Button

Sew base of Closure Strap to the center top of Back. Bring flap to the front of the bag. Sew button to Front aligned with button hole.

Straps

Starting in 2" (5 cm) from each side of Front, place each end of Strap 1" (2.5 cm) below the inside top of bag and using one strand each of **A** and **B** held together as one, sew ends of Strap to Front. In same manner, sew other Strap to Back. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS: ch = chain; dc = double crochet; sc = single crochet; sp(s) = space(es); st(s) = stitch(es); () = work directions in parentheses into same st; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.