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CROCHET  
SKILL LEVEL  
EASY

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## What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 1 skein each 512 Turqua A, 316 Soft White B, and 672 Spring Green C

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

3 Sheets Plastic Canvas Clear No: 33900-1: 10.5" x 13.5" [27 cm x 34 cm]; 3 Sheets Rainbow Classic felt: 9" x 12" [23 cm x 30.5 cm]; matching silky cloth for lining; sewing needle and matching thread; scissors; measuring tape; yarn needle; stitch marker; pins

**GAUGE:** 13 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 10 rows = 3" [8 cm] in hdc pattern.  
**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); multi color, heather and print 5 oz (141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yd (238 m) skeins



# Striped Tote Bag

*This crocheted bag is the perfect size for taking with you wherever you may go! Use warm weather colors as shown, or change up the colors for a fall or winter look.*

Tote measures 28" [71 cm] around x 9" [23 cm] high

## Special Abbreviation

inc (increase) = 2 sc in next sc.

## TOTE

### Bottom of tote

With **C**, ch 21.

**Round 1:** 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 18 ch, 3 sc in last ch, working on opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 18 ch; do NOT join but work in continuous rounds – 42 sc. Place marker in first st and move up each round.

**Round 2:** \* [inc] 3 times, sc in next 18 sc; repeat from \* once more – 48 sc.

**Round 3:** \* [inc] 6 times, sc in next 18 sc; repeat from \* once more – 60 sc.

**Round 4:** Sc in next 2 sc, [inc] 6 times, sc in next 23 sc, [inc] 6 times, sc in next 23 sc – 72 sc.

**Round 5:** Sc in next 4 sc, [inc] 9 times, sc in next 25 sc, [inc] 9 times, sc in the next 25 sc – 90 sc.

**Rounds 6 and 7:** Sc in each sc around. Fasten off at end of Round 7. Measure or trace bottom of bag for lining.

### Body of Bag

**Round 8:** With right side facing, join **A** in back loop of next sc; ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in back loop of next sc and each sc around; join with a slip st in top of ch-2 – 90 hdc.

**Round 9:** Ch 2, hdc between ch-2 of row below and next hdc, \* hdc between next 2 hdc; repeat from \* to last hdc; do NOT place hdc between last hdc and the ch-2 of row below; join – 90 hdc.

Repeat Round 9 for hdc pattern in the following color sequence: 2 more rounds **A**, [1 round **C**, 4 rounds **B**, 1 round **C**, 4 rounds **A**] twice.

**Edging Round:** Join **C** in same st as joining; ch 1, insert hook in last st worked and draw through a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook, \* insert hook in next st to the right and draw through a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; repeat from \* around. Fasten off.

### Handle (Make 2)

With **A**, ch 110.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd from hook and in each ch across; turn – 109 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

**Handle Edging Round:** Join **C** in first sc of Row 2; ch 1, 3 sc in first sc, sc in each sc to last sc; 3 sc in last sc, working on opposite side of foundation ch, 3 sc in first ch, sc in each ch to last ch; 3 sc in last ch; join with a slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Fold bag flat. Sew ends of handles to bag 3½" [9 cm] from sides of bag.

Cut a vertical 4½" [11 cm] wide strip from one plastic canvas sheet and one felt sheet. Using the measurement or tracing of the bottom of the bag after Round 7, cut the plastic canvas to that measurement and cut the felt ½" [1.3 cm] larger all the way around. Pin together and sew the felt to the canvas, covering the cut edges with the excess felt. Place in bottom of bag felt side down. Secure with thread around the bottom of the bag.

With remaining canvas, arrange the sheets to make a circle that fits into bag, overlapping canvas edges by ½" [1.3 cm]. Trim excess from circle and at top of bag. Sew overlapped edges together.

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With remaining felt, arrange the sheets to cover the outside of the canvas circle, overlapping edges and allowing an extra ½” [1.3 cm] at top and bottom. Trim excess. Sew to canvas circle, covering the cut edges with the excess felt. Place in bag with the felt side next to the bag so that the canvas will not show through. Secure with thread around the bottom of the bag.

Cut lining cloth 10” x 29” [25 cm x 74 cm] for bag and 4½” x 11” [44 x 28 cm] for bag bottom. Check for fit inside the bag, then remove, adjust if necessary and sew side and bottom seams with ½” [1.3 cm] seams. Insert finished lining into bag and sew to bag closely below the bag edging; tack to canvas around bottom.

### ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B, C** = color A, B, C; **ch** = chain; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.