



## Sweet Simple Handbag (Crochet)

with YouTube Help Video

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This is a good beginner purse, tote, or bag to start with, especially if you know the chain and single crochet stitch. This is crocheted in the round (specifically in a spiral) and then the straps are added at the end. This pattern uses magnetic snaps, which are a great alternative to just a button or a zipper. Because the hand bag is crocheted with 2 strands of yarn held together, it is very sturdy, durable, and does not need a lining. Check out the how-to video on the Naztazia YouTube channel here: <http://youtube.com/naztazia> And feel free to Pin photos or check out other info at: <http://naztazia.com>

### Materials:

2 skeins Red Heart Super Saver (each 364 yds). 1 in Buff (Color A) and 1 in Aran (Color B).

Size K (6.5 mm) crochet hook. Sewing yarn needle. Scissors. Several stitch markers.

Magnetic snap set for closure. Two 2-inch buttons to conceal snap hardware.

Visit <http://naztazia.com> for where to purchase supplies.

### Size/Gauge

Size: 13" W x 10" H without strap. Gauge: 10 SCs and 10 rows in 4" SQ.

### Terminology:

BLO = Back Loops Only

ESC = Elongated Single Crochet

CH = Chain

RPT = Repeat

SC = Single Crochet

SLST = Slip Stitch

ST= Stitch

### Instructions:

Watch the YouTube tutorial video here: <http://youtube.com/naztazia> Look for "Sweet Simple Handbag."

### BAG

Notes: The elongated single crochet is worked like a regular single crochet, except insert the hook at the base of the previous round's single crochet, as opposed to under its top loops. This pattern is worked from the bottom up, in spiral crochet, with 2 strands of yarn held together throughout. With 2 strands of Color A, chain 32.

RND 1: 3 SC in second CH from hook. Mark first ST with a stitch marker. 1 SC in next 29 CHs. 2 SCs in last CH. Along other side of chain, 1 SC in next 29 CHs. Total = 63 SCs.

RNDs 2-5: 1 SC in each ST around, marking first ST. Total = 63 SCs.

Change to Color B:

RND 6: 1 ESC. RPT [in next ST, 1 SC in BLO; in next ST, 1 ESC] around. Total = 63 STs.

RND 7: 1 SC in BLO. RPT [in next ST, 1 ESC; in next ST, 1 SC in BLO] around. Total = 63 STs.

RND 8: RPT RND 6.

Change to Color A:

RND 9: RPT RND 7.

RND 10: RPT RND 6.

RND 11: RPT RND 7.

Continue in pattern, repeating RNDs 6 & 7, changing colors every 3 RNDs. Total RNDs = 29.

Prior to completing the last several stitches of RND 29, lay handbag flat on table. Mark off 4 STs evenly in each of the 2 upper side corners for the strap. Continue with stitch pattern until just before marked stitch. SLST into marked stitch.

**STRAP**

Row 1: CH 1. SC in same ST as SLST. SC in next 3 STs. CH 1, turn. Total = 4 SC.

Rows 2-90: 1 SC in each ST across. CH 1, turn. Total = 4 SC.

Fasten off, leaving 14" tail end for sewing.

**FINISH**

Sew strap to other side of handbag, using the 4 marked stitches as a guide. Weave in all ends.

Use a magnetic snap for closure. Sew on external buttons as decorations to cover snap hardware.

