



Santa Handbag with YouTube Help Video

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How cute is this? Crochet your own Santa handbag with just a few notion items and some red and white yarn. Working with 2 strands of worsted weight yarn held together throughout (except for the fuzzy & fluffy part on top) makes this bag nice and sturdy for your holiday fun. Check out the how-to video on the Naztazia YouTube channel here: <http://youtube.com/nasztazia> And feel free to Pin photos or check out other info at: <http://nasztazia.com>

Materials:

1 skein Red Heart Super Saver Jumbo Yarn: 744 yds (681 m) in Cherry Red.

1 skein Red Heart Super Saver Yarn: 364 yds (333 m) in White.

1 skein Red Heart Buttercup Yarn: 63 yds (57 m) in White.

1 - 9"x12" sheet craft felt in white.

3 yds (2.74 m) black ribbon. If you prefer, you can crochet the appropriate rounds with black yarn instead. Substitute with 1 skein of Red Heart Super Saver: 364 yds (333 m) in Black.

1 buckle (can be salvaged from an old belt).

2 black buttons.

Handbag handles in black.

Size I (5.5 mm) crochet hook. Stitch marker. Yarn needle, Scissors.

Matching sewing thread (white and black) and sewing needle - or - hot glue gun.

1 sheet plastic canvas (10.5" x 13.5") - optional

Finished Size:

Bottom base: 11" (27.9 cm) x 4" (10.1 cm). Height: 11" (27.9 cm) without handles.

Gauge:

11 SC x 11 rows = 4" (10.1 cm) in spiral single crochet.



Terminology:

CH = Chain	SC = Single Crochet	SLST = Slip stitch	ST = Stitch
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Instructions:

Be sure to check out the YouTube tutorial for this handbag: <http://youtube.com/nasztazia>

With 2 strands of Red Heart Super Saver in White held together: Slipknot. CH 11.

Bottom of bag: (worked in rows)

Row 1: SC in 2nd CH from hook. SC in each ST across. CH 1, turn work. Total = 10 SC.

Row 2: SC in each ST across. CH 1, turn work. Total = 10 SC.

Rows 3-30: Repeat Row 2. On last row, do CH 1 and turn work.

Sides of bag: (worked in spiral rounds)

Rnd 1: 2 SC in first ST (a corner). Mark 1st ST. 1 SC in next 8 ST. 2 SC in last ST (a corner). Work along edge: 1 SC for each row. 2 SC in corner. 1 SC across until last ST. 2 SC in corner. Work along edge: 1 SC for each row.

Rnds 2-5: 1 SC in each ST. Mark 1st ST.

Change to 2 strands of Red Heart Super Saver in Cherry Red.

Rnds 6-20: 1 SC in each ST. Mark 1st ST.

(Note: if you don't want to use a black ribbon around the center of the handbag, you can switch to black yarn for about 4 or 5 rounds, and then back to red).

Change to 1 strand of Red Heart Buttercup in White.

Rnds 25-30: 1 SC in each ST.

Finishing: Cut and weave in yarn ends. Cut a thin rectangular-shaped piece of felt for the button background. Glue or sew in place. Measure and cut black ribbon to fit around the purse. Glue or sew in place. Sew on two buttons. Sew on handles. Sew an optional lining. Cut a piece of plastic canvas and felt to fit bottom of handbag for support if desired.