



## Easy Tote Bag (Crochet)

with YouTube Help Video

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This is a great beginner tote project for someone who already knows how to crochet. Made using worsted weight yarn, or any size you prefer, this works up very quickly. You can make stripes or make it one solid color. Check out the how-to video on the Naztazia YouTube channel here: <https://youtube.com/naztazia> And feel free to Pin photos or check out other info at: <https://naztazia.com>

### Terminology:

CH = Chain

HDC = Half Double Crochet

SC = Single Crochet

### Materials:

Two 350-yard skeins of yarn. Two strands will be held together. Less than 50 yards for each stripe. H (5 mm) crochet hook. Button. Scissors. Yarn needle.

### Instructions:

Watch the YouTube tutorial video here: <https://youtube.com/naztazia> Look for "Easy Tote Bag."

With 2 strands held together, make a slipknot. CH 41.

**RND 1:** Working in spirals, skip first CH, SC in next CH and remaining CHs. Mark first stitch. Total = 40 SC. Pivot work. 1 SC along end of original CH. Total = 1 SC. Pivot work. 1 SC along the other side of original CH. Total = 40 SC. Pivot work. 1 SC along the end of original CH. Total = 82 SC.

**RNDs 2-4:** Remove stitch marker. 1 SC around. Always mark first stitch. Total = 82 SC.

**RNDs 5-23+:** 1 HDC around. Total = 82 HDC. Feel free to increase or decrease the number of rounds to your liking. Cut and weave in ends.

### **Straps:**

Make one on both sides of bag. Lay bag flat on table. Mark both corners of bag with 2 stitch markers.

**ROW 1:** Working with the first stitch marker, count backwards 12 stitches and connect yarn. CH 1 and 1 HDC in same stitch. 1 HDC in next 11 stitches. Remove stitch marker and make 1 HDC in stitch. 1 HDC in next 12 stitches. Total = 25 HDC.

**ROW 2:** CH 1 and turn work. Skip first HDC. 1 HDC in next 23 stitches. Skip last HDC. Total = 23 HDC.

**ROW 3:** CH 1 and turn work. Skip first HDC. 1 HDC in next 21 stitches. Skip last HDC. Total = 21 HDC.

**ROWS 4-11:** Continue in pattern: CH 1 and turn work. Skip first and last HDCs. 1 HDC in the remaining middle stitches. End of Row 11 = 5 HDCs

**ROWS 12-27+:** CH 1 and turn work. 1 HDC in each of the 5 HDC. Feel free to increase or decrease the number of rows to your liking. Once completed, cut and weave in all ends. Repeat for the other strap.

### **Finishing:**

Sew straps together at the top. Sew a button on the front of the tote. On the front side's inner edge, do 1 row of SC stitches around. On the back side's inner edge, do 1 row of SC stitches around, making a CH-15 loop for the button. Cut and weave in all ends. Bag is solid enough without a lining, but feel free to add one if you wish.