



Sweet Simple Tote Bag (Crochet)

with YouTube Help Video

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The Sweet Simple Tote Bag is both fun and functional. The handbag is made in one continuous piece starting from the base. Two strands of yarn are held together throughout to create a strong bag. Because it's thick, a lining is not necessary. And it's made with just single crochet stitches, so there's no complicated stitch patterns to remember. Stripes along with pom-pom and tassel bag decorations add a fresh splash of 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>

Materials:

700 yds worsted weight yarn. Two strands of yarn will be held together throughout. Sample used 2 skeins of Red Heart Super Saver in Aran and small amounts of Red Heart Super Saver in Pumpkin, Bright Yellow, and Perfect Pink.

Size J – 6 mm crochet hook.

24" purse handles (see <https://naztazia.com> for an online source). 1.5 inch button.

Scissors, yarn needle.

Size/Gauge:

15"W x 12"H (laying flat, excluding handles). 11 STs x 11 ROWs = 4" SQ.

Terminology:

CH = Chain	RND = Round	ROW = Row
SC = Single Crochet	SLST = Slip Stitch	ST= Stitch

Instructions:

Watch the YouTube tutorial video here: <https://youtube.com/naztazia> Look for “Sweet Simple Tote Bag.”

NOTE: 2 strands of yarn are held together throughout. You can use the strands of both ends of the skein at once. Or use two separate skeins of yarn (easier option)

BAG BOTTOM

CH 8.

ROW 1: SC in 2nd CH from hook and in each ST across. CH 1, turn.

ROWS 2-31: SC in each ST across. CH 1, turn.

ROW 32: SC in each ST across. Begin working in RNDs.

BAG SIDES:

RND 1: Working along the first long side, SC along the side of each ROW. Working along the original CH side, SC across. Working along the other long side, SC along the side of each ROW. (No SLST). CH 1.

RND 2: Working in back loops for this RND only, SC around. DO NOT CH 1. Begin working in spiral RNDs.

RND 3: SC in first SC. Always mark first ST of every RND going forward. SC in each ST around.

RNDs 4-32: SC in first SC, marking first ST, and SC in each ST around.

Feel free to change colors to create stripes. Sample bag used the following color changes, starting from RND 1: 17 RNDs cream, 5 RNDs yellow, 1 RND cream, 4 RNDs orange, 1 RND cream, 3 RNDs pink, 1 RND cream.

A button/closure is optional. Sew on the button to the front middle of the bag. If you want to add a button loop, on the last RND, find the middle of the back of the

handbag and CH 15 (or another number) to go around the button. SLST to form a ring. Continue with SC around.

(Or, if the 2 strands of yarn held together are too thick for a closure loop, finish the last RND of the bag. Then with 1 strand of yarn, SLST in the middle of the back, CH 15, then SLST to form a ring. Fasten off and weave in ends).

After last SC, SLST to first ST. Fasten off, weave in ends. Sew on handbag handles. A lining is not necessarily needed. However free to sew one inside the bag.

To make the colorful pom pom and tassel bag charm, be sure to see my daughter's YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/reviewsbysarah> and website: <https://reviewsbysarah.com>