



Tote bag (Crochet)

with YouTube Help Video

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This crochet tote bag is probably one of the easiest patterns out there for handbags. You only need to know how to make a chain and single crochet stitch. This is excellent for beginners especially! Check out the how-to video on the Naztazia Facebook page here: <https://facebook.com/nasztazia> or the Naztazia YouTube channel here: <https://youtube.com/nasztazia> And feel free to Pin photos or check out other info at: <https://nasztazia.com>

Terminology:

CH = Chain	RPT = Repeat	SC = Single Crochet
SLST = Slip Stitch	SP = Space	ST = Stitch

Materials:

400 yds worsted weight yarn in any fiber. Sample used 100% cotton worsted weight yarn. Size F 3.75 mm crochet hook. Yarn sewing needle. Snap or button for closure. Optional lining or handbag organizer.

Size/Gauge:

14" W x 11" H without handles. 20 STs and 20 RNDs = 4" SQ

Instructions:

BODY: CH 55.

RND 1: SC in 2nd CH and in each CH across, using back loop. Mark first and last SC.
CH 2. Working on other side of starting CH, SC in each loop across. Mark first and last SC. CH 2. SLST to first SC.

RND 2: CH 1. Make 1 SC in each ST around except at marked STs. At each of the 4 marked STs, make 3 SC and mark SC #2. SLST to first ST.

RND 3: CH 1. Make 1 SC in each ST around except at marked STs. At each of the 4 marked STs, make 3 SC. No need to mark STs. SLST to first ST.

RNDs 4-42: CH 1. Make 1 SC in each ST around. SLST to first ST.

After RND 42, cut and weave in all ends.

(NOTE: sample color scheme deep coral for RNDs 1-17, cork for 18-29, peach for 30-37, and off-white for 38-42.

Sew bag lining in at this time, or check measurements with handbag organizer.

HANDLES: Prepare bag with ST markers.

Measure bag's front top edge's width and place a ST marker in the middle. Using ST marker as #1, count over 10 STs and mark #10. Using ST marker as #10, count over to #20 and mark it. Repeat for the bag's back top edge.

Place slipknot on hook with yarn. SC in ST before first ST marker. CH 55 for a smaller handle (sample bag), or CH 75 for a medium handle, or CH 100 for a larger handle. SC in ST after last ST maker. SC around to just before first ST marker of back section of bag. CH the same number as the front handles. SC after last ST marker. SC around to first ST marker on the front of the bag. SLST to first ST.

RNDs 2-3+: CH 1. SC in each CH of both handles and SC around sides of bag. SLST to first ST. Feel free to add RNDs for a thicker handle.

Fasten off and weave in ends. Sew on button or snap if desired for bag closure.

