





May Flowers Tote

Flowered handles make this tote especially cute and springy, and the construction is basic enough for beginners. Go for it, newbies!

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What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft Yarn, 5oz/140g skeins, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 2 skeins #9440 Light Grey Heather

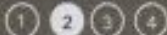
CROCHET HOOK

- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- 1 pair handles (15"/38cm Sky Blue Flower leather handles from www.superbuzzy.com)
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



the yarn



Soft Yarn in Light Grey Heather

Abbreviations

ch(s) chain(s) sl st slip stitch

dc double crochet sp(s) space(s)

sc single crochet st(s) stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 12½"/32cm wide x 9½"/24cm high x 3½"/9cm deep (without handles)

GAUGE

13 sts and 14 rows in pattern = 4"/10cm square

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 14.

Rows 1–14 Work same as Rows 1–14 on Front of tote—13 sts. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

Front, Back, and Side Gussets of tote are worked vertically from one side edge to other side edge.

TOTE

Front

Ch 30.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—29 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc; *dc in next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across—15 sc and 14 dc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across—29 sc.

Rows 4–41 Repeat Rows 2 and 3 alternately, 19 more times. Do not fasten off.

Border

Working down side, ch 1, 2 sc in edge of first row, sc in edge of next row and in edge of each row across to last row, 2 sc in edge of last row; rotate piece to work in bottom of beginning chs, sc in first ch and in each ch across; rotate piece to work up opposite side, 2 sc in edge of first row, sc in edge of next row and in edge of each row across to last row, 2 sc in edge of



last row; rotate piece to work in top edge, sc in first sc and in each sc across; join with sl st in first sc—144 sc. Fasten off.

Back

Work same as Front, including Border.

Side Gusset (Make 2)

Ch 30.

Rows 1–9 Work same as Rows 1–9 on Front—29 sts. Do not fasten off.

Border

Work same as Border on Front—80 sc.

Bottom Gusset

Ch 10.

Rows 1–41 Work same as Rows 1–41 on Front—9 sts. Do not fasten off.

Border

Work same as Border on Front—104 sc.

FINISHING

Assembly

With wrong sides together, pin one short edge of Front to one long edge of one Side Gusset. Pin other short edge of Front to one long edge of other Side Gusset. Pin short edges of Back to other long edges of gussets. With Front piece facing, join yarn with sl st in corner of Front and Side Gusset, ch 1; working through both layers, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc across to next corner, sc in corner sc. Fasten off. Repeat for other Front side seam. Repeat for Back side seams. With wrong sides

together, pin Bottom Gusset to bottom edges of Front, Back and Side Gussets. With Front piece facing, join yarn with sl st in bottom corner of Front and Bottom Gusset, ch 1; working through both layers, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around entire bottom of tote, joining Front, Back and Side Gussets to Bottom Gusset; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Edging

With right side facing, join yarn with sl st in any corner sc on top edge of tote, ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around, skipping side seams; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Handles

Sew handles to front and back of tote, referring to photo for placement.

Weave in all ends...*スリ*...

try this!

This bag would look great in other colors, too—find matching handles to #9520 Seafoam or #4604 Navy.



スリ... For a "scrappy" bag, use different colors of yarn for each piece of the tote.

STITCH DIAGRAM



REDUCED SAMPLE
OF FRONT PATTERN

