CROCHET CLUSTERS TOTE

MEASUREMENTS
Approx 17" [43 cm] wide x 15" [38 cm] high, excluding handles.

GAUGE
15 hdc and 10 rnds = 4" [10 cm].

INSTRUCTIONS
Note: Ch 2 at beg of rnd does not count as hdc.

Base: Ch 55.
1st rnd: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to last ch. 3 sc in last ch. Working into opposite side of foundation ch, 1 sc in each of next 52 ch. 2 sc in last ch. Join with sl st to first sc. 110 sc.
2nd rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same sc as last sl st. 1 sc in each of next 53 sc. 3 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 54 sc. 3 sc in next sc. Join with sl st to first sc. 114 sc.

ABBREVIATIONS

Cluster = (Yoh and draw up a loop) 3 times in indicated space. Yoh and draw through 6 loops on hook. Yoh and draw through rem 2 loops on hook
Hdc = Half double crochet
Inc = Increasing

MATERIALS
Bernat® Softee Cotton™ (4.2 oz/120 g; 254 yds/232 m)
Golden (69013) 2 balls

Size U.S. G/6 (4 mm) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge. Stitch markers. Yarn needle.
3rd rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same sc as last sl st. 1 sc in each of next 54 sc. 3 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 56 sc. 3 sc in next sc. 1 sc in last sc. Join with sl st to first sc. 118 sc.

4th rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same sc as last sl st. 1 sc in each of next 55 sc. 3 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 58 sc. 3 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of last 2 sc. Join with sl st to first sc. 122 sc.

5th rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same sc as last sl st. 1 sc in each of next 56 sc. 3 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 60 sc. 3 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of last 3 sc. Join with sl st to first sc. 126 sc. Place marker on last st.

Main Section:
1st rnd: Ch 2. 1 hdc in each sc around, inc 4 sts evenly around. Join with sl st to first hdc. 130 hdc.

2nd rnd: Sl st in next sp between 2 hdc. Ch 2. 1 hdc in same sp. 1 hdc in top of next Cluster. Rep from * around, ending with 1 hdc in last ch-1 sp. Join with sl st to first hdc.

3rd rnd: As 2nd rnd.

4th rnd: Ch 2. 1 Cluster in same sp as last sl st. *Ch 1. Skip next hdc. 1 Cluster in next hdc. Rep from * around to last hdc. Ch 1. Skip last hdc. Join with sl st to top of first Cluster.

5th rnd: Ch 2. 1 hdc in same sp as last sl st. *1 hdc in next ch-1 sp. 1 hdc in top of next Cluster. Rep from * around, ending with 1 hdc in last ch-1 sp. Join with sl st to first hdc.

Rep 2nd to 5th rnds for pat until work from marked rnd measures approx 12½" [32 cm], ending on a 4th rnd of pat.

Next rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last sl st. *1 sc in next ch-1 sp. 1 sc in top of next Cluster. Rep from * around, ending with 1 sc in last ch-1 sp. Join with sl st to first sc.

Rep last rnd until work from marked rnd measures approx 14" [35.5 cm]. Fasten off.

Mark Sts for Handles:
Fold Bag flat. Mark side sts. Place 2 markers for each handle, 13 sts away from each side st. (38 sts unworked between markers on Front and Back of Bag). Remove side st markers.

Make Handles:
1st rnd: (RS). Join yarn with sl st at left back marker. Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last sl st. 1 sc in each sc or ch around. Join with sl st to first sc.

2nd rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last sl st. 1 sc in each sc or ch around. Join with sl st to first sc.

3rd rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last sl st. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc.

Rep last rnd 3 times more. Fasten off.