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RED HEART

CROCHET SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Classic™: 3 skeins 0334 Tan **A** and 2 skeins 0401 Nickel **B**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 3.75mm [US F-5]

2 leather straps with rings, 20-22″ [51-56 cm] long, yarn needle

GAUGE: 20 sc = 4″ [10 cm]; 21 rows = 4″ [10 cm] in single crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

4 MEDIUM **RED HEART® Classic™**, Art. E267 available in solid color 3.5 oz (100 g), 190 yd (174 m) and prints & multicolor 3 oz (85 g), 146 yd (134 m) skeins

SHOP KIT

All Purpose Tote

This tote is designed for super usability with a double thick base and handy pocket for your phone. Tassels are added for fun! You'll love how roomy and lightweight it is.

Finished Measurements: 16″ [41 cm] wide x 14″ [35.5 cm] high x 4″ [10 cm] deep

NOTES
Base pieces are worked back and forth in rows. Two Base pieces are joined into a double thickness for strength. Body stitches are picked up around outside edges of Base and are worked in continuous rounds with right side facing throughout. Details are worked separately and are sewn on. Purchased straps are attached.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS
sc2tog: [Draw up a loop in next st] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

BASE (make 2)
With **B**, ch 71.
Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across – 70 sc.
Rows 2-19: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.
Fasten off one Base piece, do not fasten off second Base piece.

Joining Base Pieces
Round 1: Holding wrong sides of Base pieces together, lining up sts and working through both layers, ch 1, turn to work down one short edge, [sc 17 sts evenly along short edge, turn to work along one long edge, 3 sc in first st of next long edge, sc 68 sts evenly to last st, 3 sc in last st] twice, slip st in first sc to join – 182 sc.

Body
Round 2: Ch 2 (does NOT count as a hdc here and throughout), working in back loops only, hdc in each sc around, slip st in first hdc.
Round 3: Ch 2, hdc in each horizontal bar on back of hdc around, do not join.

Rounds 4-7: Hdc in each horizontal bar on back of hdc around. Fasten off.
Round 8: Change to **A**, ch 1, sc in each horizontal bar on back of hdc around, slip st in first hdc.
Round 9: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, do not join.
Rounds 10-60: Sc in each sc around.
Round 61: [Sc in next 12 sc, sc2tog] 13 times – 169 sc.
Round 62: Sc in each sc around.
Round 63: [Sc in next 11 sc, sc2tog] 13 times – 156 sc.
Round 64: Change to **B**, ch 2, hdc in each sc, slip st in first hdc.
Rounds 65-67: Ch 2, hdc in each horizontal bar on back of hdc around, slip st in first hdc. Drop **B**, change to **A**.

Round 68: Ch 2, hdc in each horizontal bar on back of hdc around, slip st in first hdc. Cut **A**.

Round 69: Change to **B**, ch 2, hdc in each horizontal bar on back of hdc around, slip st in first hdc. Fasten off.

Side Tabs (make 2)

With **B**, ch 10.

Row 1: Hdc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across – 9 hdc.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn, working in back loop only, hdc in each hdc across.

Row 3: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each horizontal bar on back of hdc across. Fasten off.

Sew one Side Tab in middle of lower edge of each short side.

Pocket

With **A**, ch 21.

Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across – 20 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Cut **A**.

Row 3: Change to **B**, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Row 4: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Cut **B**.

Row 5: Change to **A**, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Rows 6-28: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Trim Round: Turn to work along one long edge, sc evenly spaced along edge to corner, turn to work along opposite edge of foundation ch, (sc, ch 1) in first ch, sl st in each ch across to last st, (ch 1, sc) in last st, turn to work along opposite long edge, sc evenly spaced along edge to corner. Fasten off. Do not work last row for bottom of Pocket.

Use yarn needle and photo as guide, sew Pocket to Tote Body.

Tassel (make 2)

Cut 25 lengths of **A**, each 12″ [30 cm] long. Use one length to tie remaining lengths together in center securely. Fold lengths in half at tied center and hide ends of knot in center. Cut a 12″ [30 cm] length of **B**. Wrap around folded length, 1″ [2.5 cm] from secured end. Trim ends evenly.

With **A**, slip st in top of tassel, ch 40, slip st in top of second tassel. Fasten off.

Top Cuff

With **A**, ch 17.

Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across – 16 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

Sew Top Cuff over slip st joins on top of Tote.

FINISHING

Sew handles onto bag.Tote. Add tassels to handle ring. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, B, C; **ch** = chain; **cm** = centimeters; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tog** = together; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.