



Eco-Friendly Tote

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Tote measures 12½" tall x 12" wide.

RED HEART® "Eco-Cotton Blend™", 2 Balls 1870 Denim.

Crochet Hook: U.S. Size G-6 [4mm].

GAUGE: 17sts = 4"; 6 rows 2¾" in dc. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge given.

TOTE

Ch 40.

Rnd 1: 2 Dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 35 ch, 5 dc in last ch, working on opposite side of beginning ch, dc in next 35 sts, 2 dc in same ch as first 2 dc; join to top of ch-3 – 80 sts.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, * [2 dc in next dc] twice, dc in next 35 dc, [2 dc in next dc] twice **, dc in next dc; repeat from * around, end at **; join – 88 sts.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 37 dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc] 4 times, dc in next 36 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; join – 96 dc.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc; *yo and insert hook from the front to the back to the front around the post of next st, yo and draw lp through, [yo and draw through 2 lps] twice – front post dc (fpdc) made*; dc in next 41 dc, fpdc, dc in next 5 dc, fpdc, dc in next 41 dc, fpdc, dc in last 2 dc; join.

Rnd 5 and 6: Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, fpdc, dc in next 41 dc, fpdc, dc in next 5 dc, fpdc, dc in next 41 dc, fpdc, dc in last 2 dc; join.

Rnd 7: Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, * fpdc, dc in next dc, [ch 1, skip next st or sp, dc in next dc] 20 times, fpdc **, dc in next 5 dc; repeat from * to last 2 dc, end at **; dc in last 2 dc; join.

Rnds 8 and 9: Repeat Rnd 7.

Rnd 10: Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, * fpdc, dc in next dc; *[yo and draw up a lp to height of current row] 3 times all in next ch-1 sp, yo and through all 7 lps on hook – puff st made*; [ch 1, skip next dc, puff st] 19 times, dc in next dc, fpdc **, dc in next 5 dc; repeat from * to last 2 dc, end at **; dc in last 2 dc; join.

Rnd 11: Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, * fpdc, dc in next dc, [ch 1, skip puff st, dc in sp] 19 times, ch 1, skip puff st, dc in next dc, fpdc **, dc in next 5 dc; repeat from * to last 2 dc, end at **; dc in last 2 dc; join.

Rnds 12 and 13: Repeat Rnd 7.

Rnd 14: Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, * fpdc, [dc in next dc, dc in next sp] 20 times, dc in next dc, fpdc **, dc in next 5 dc; repeat from * to last 2 dc, end at **, dc in last 2 dc; join.

Rnds 15-19: Repeat Rnd 5.

Rnds 20-27: Repeat Rnds 7-14 once more. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Strap

With right side facing, skip last 3 sts made, attach thread in next dc to the **right**.

Row 1: Ch 2, fpdc, dc in next 5 sts, fpdc, dc in next dc; turn.

Row 2: Ch 2; *yo and insert hook from the back to the front to the back around the post of next st, yo and draw lp through, [yo and draw through 2 lps] twice - of next st, yo and draw lp through, [yo and draw through 2 lps] twice*



– **back post dc (bpdc)** made; dc in next 5 dc, bpdc, dc in ch-2 sp; turn.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until approximately 20” from beginning, end Row 1. Fasten off. Sew end to opposite side of bag.



RED HEART® “Eco-Cotton Blend™”,
Art. E749 available in 3 oz (85 g), 145
yard (132 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **lp** = loop; **pat** = pattern; **sp** = space; **sl st** = slip stitch; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **yo** = yarn over; *** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; **[]** = work directions given in brackets the number of times specified.