



Felted Granny Tote

Designed by Kim Kotary.

Bag measures 28" x 18" before felting.

RED HEART® "Eco-Ways™ Bamboo Wool™": 3 Balls each 3365 Cocoa, 3650 Dill, 3920 Cayenne, 3845 Twilight; and 2 balls 3116 Ivory.

Crochet Hook: 6.5mm [US K-10.5].
Yarn needle.

GAUGE: Rnds 1 and 2 = 3½" across; Square measures about 9" x 9". **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

Beg PS (Beginning Puff Stitch) = Ch 2, [yo and draw up a long loop, yo and draw through 2 loops] twice all in space indicated, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

PS (Puff Stitch) = [Yo and draw up a long loop, yo and draw through 2 lps] 3 times all in st or space indicated, yo and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

SQUARE (Make 12 in random color combinations never using Ivory in the last 2 Rnds)

With first color, ch 4; join with a slip st in 4th ch from hook to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Beg PS in ring, ch 1, [PS in ring, ch 1] 7 times; join with a slip st in top of Beg PS – 8 puff sts.

Rnd 2: Slip st to next ch-1 space, (Beg PS, ch 1, PS, ch 1) all in next ch-1 space, * [PS, ch 1] twice all in next ch-1 space; repeat from * around; join with a slip st in top of Beg PS – 16 puff sts. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: Join 2nd color in any ch-1 space; (Beg PS, ch 4, PS) all in same space, * ch 1, [PS in next ch-1 space, ch 1] 3 times **, (PS, ch 4, PS) all in next ch-1 space for corner; repeat from * around, end at **; join – 20 puff sts. Fasten off.

Rnds 4 and 5: Join next color in any corner ch-4 space; (Beg PS, ch 4, PS) all in same space, * ch 1, PS in next ch-1 space; repeat from * to next corner; ch 1 **, (PS, ch 4, PS) all in corner ch-4 space; repeat from * around, end at **; join. Fasten off.

Rnd 6: Join last color in any corner ch-4 space; (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in same space, * 3 dc in next ch-1 space; repeat from * to next corner **, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in corner ch-4 space; repeat from * around, end at **; join with a slip st in top of ch-3.

Rnd 7: Ch 3, * dc in each st to corner **, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in corner ch-3 space; repeat from * around, end at **; join. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

STRAP (Make 2)

With Cocoa, leaving a long tail for sewing, ch 96.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across, turn – 95 sc.

Rows 2-5: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn. Fasten off at end of Row 5 leaving a long tail for sewing.



FINISHING

With Ivory and right sides of squares together, slip st squares in a 3 x 4 rectangle. Fold in half and slip st sides together. Sew ends of straps to top opening of bag at seams on each side of center top square.

FELTING

Felting is not an exact science due to the many different variables, however approximately 30% of the dimensions may be lost in the felting process.

Place bag and 1 or 2 bath towels in the washing machine in the smallest load with hottest water setting and a small amount of liquid detergent through two wash cycles. Do not use fabric softener. Remove bag and check amount of felting during this process. Two or more wash cycles may be needed before you will be satisfied with the effect. One or two tablespoons of baking soda in the wash may speed the process – check frequently. Repeat until pieces are felted and bag is desired size. Rinse in cool water to stop the felting process and to remove the soap. Pull bag into shape and allow to dry away from sun or heat for a day or two. Felting may cause a certain amount of pilling which is easily removed by brushing briskly with a hard nylon brush.



RED HEART® “Eco-Ways™ Bamboo Wool™”, Art. 754 available in 1.76 oz (50 g), 87 yd (80 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **rnd** = round; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **yo** = yarn over; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.