



Outlined Squares Shoulder Bag

Designed by Leslie Blackmon.

Bag measures 11.5" x 12.5" (without strap).

RED HEART® "Eco-Cotton™ Blend": 4 Balls
1370 Candy Marl **A** and 2 balls 1255 Tangerine **B**.

Crochet Hook: 5mm [US H-8].
Large tapestry needle.

GAUGE: 11 sc = 4"; 14 rows = 4" with 2 strands held together. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

To Change Color (Work at the end of designated row):
Work last sc in old color until 2 loops remain on hook. Drop old color and pull new color through the loops on the hook to complete the st, then continue with new color. Cut off the old color, leaving a 5" tail for weaving in.

NOTE: Work with 2 strands of thread held together as one throughout.

SIDE OF BAG (Make 2): With **A**, ch 29.

Row 1 (RS): With **A**, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 28 sc.

Rows 2-7: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn. Change to **B** in final sc of Row 7. Cut off **A**, leaving a 5" tail for weaving in. Turn.

Row 8: With **B**, ch 1, sc in each sc across, changing to **A** in last sc; turn.

Row 9: With **A**, ch 1, sc in each sc across, changing to **B** in last sc; turn.

Row 10: Repeat Row 8.

Row 11: With **A**, ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn.

Rows 12-40: Repeat Rows 2-11 twice more, then repeat Rows 2-10 again. Fasten off.

Edging: With RS facing, join **B** to top left-hand corner in the space at the end of Row 40; ch 1, * work 1 sc at end of each row – 40 sc **; 3 sc in first ch of foundation chain (bottom left-hand corner), 1 sc in the next 26 free loops, 3 sc in the last ch (bottom right-hand corner), repeat from * to **; 3 sc in first sc at top of work (top right-hand corner), 1 sc in next 26 sc, 3 sc in last sc (top left-hand corner); join with slip st to first sc – 144 sc. Fasten off. Using tapestry needle, weave in all ends.

Vertical Stripe 1: Stripes are made by working a slip st through the fabric. With RS facing, holding the hook above the fabric on the RS and holding **B** under the fabric on the WS, draw up a loop in top of the 9th sc from the right edge of Row 39; * draw up a loop in top of the sc in the row below and through the loop on the hook; repeat from * through last row; pull yarn to the WS and fasten off. Weave in ends.

Vertical Stripe 2: Skip the next 10 sc of Row 39, and work same as Stripe 1.



STRAP: With **A**, ch 103.

Row 1: Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn.

Row 2: Working in back loops only, ch 2, hdc in each hdc across. Fasten off.

Finishing: Fold strap in half along the ridge between Rows 1 and 2. Join **B** by inserting hook through the top loops of both hdc at one end of the strap. Working through both rows of the strap as one to form a tubular shape, slip st through each pair of hdc. Fasten off. Using tapestry needle, weave in ends.

ASSEMBLE BAG:

Joining the Sides: With WS of back and front pieces together, join **B** to the top left-hand corner of bag. Matching stitches and working through both pieces as one, work one sc in each pair of sc across the long side of the bag, across the bottom edge, and across the other long side. Slip st in next sc (which is the first sc at the top right-hand edge of the bag) and fasten off.

Attaching the Strap: Position strap inside the bag, flush with the right and left sides of the bag, with 1" of the strap extending below the top edge. The slip sts on the strap should be toward the outer sides of the bag and facing to the front. Using **B** and tapestry needle, sew the strap on by stitching across the top of the bag, through both layers of the bag and the strap.

Button Loop: Join **B** to the center top edge of the back side of the bag and work a chain 6" long. Join the end of the chain to the bag with a slip st in the space next to the beginning of the chain, to form a loop. Fasten off and weave in ends. Sew a button to the front center of the bag, positioned so that the loop will fit snugly, but not too tightly, over it.



RED HEART® "Eco-Cotton Blend",
Art. E749 available in 3 oz (85 g),
145 yd (132 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B** = color A, B; **ch** = chain;
hdc = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **RS** = right side; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **WS** = wrong side; **yo** = yarn over; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.