



CROCHET  
SKILL LEVEL  
EASY

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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Scrubby Smoothie™:** 2 balls 9205 Aqua **A** and 3 balls 9341 Grey **B**

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks:** 4mm [US G-6] and 5.5mm [US I-9]

Stitch marker, yarn needle

**GAUGE:** 12 sts = 4" (10 cm); 16 rows = 4" (10 cm) in sc (single crochet) and split-sc (split single crochet). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**



**RED HEART® Scrubby Smoothie™, Art.**

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# Easy Split Tote

This cotton yarn is a great choice for a tote that will carry anything you need for your day. It is crocheted in rounds in any two colors you please!

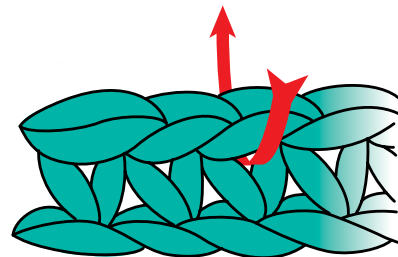
**Tote measures about 15" [38 cm] wide by 15" [38 cm] tall, not including straps.**

## Notes

1. Tote is worked in three pieces: Bag and two straps. The pieces are sewn together to complete the Tote.
2. The bag is worked in continuous rounds. To begin, stitches are worked along both sides of the foundation chain to form the first oval-shaped round.
3. To change yarn color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Do not fasten off old color until instructed. Carry color not in use along the wrong side (inside) or work stitches over the top of the color not in use, whichever technique you prefer.

## Special Stitch

**split-sc (split single crochet) =** Insert hook between legs of next stitch, yarn over and pull loop through stitch, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.



## BAG

With larger hook and **A**, ch 45.

**Round 1 (right side):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 42 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working along opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 42 ch, 2 sc in

last ch (same ch as first sc was worked into); do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—90 sc.

Place a marker in the first stitch of the round and move the marker up as each round is worked.

**Rounds 2-19:** \*Sc in next st, split-sc in next st; repeat from \* around; change to **B** in last st of Round 19.

**Round 20:** \*With **B**, split-sc in next st and change to **A**; With **A**, split-sc in next st and change to **B**; repeat from \* around.

**Round 21:** \*With **B**, split-sc in next st and change to **A**; with **A**, split-sc in next st and change to **B**; repeat from \* to last 2 sts, with **B**, split-sc in next st and change to **A**; with **A**, split-sc in last st.

**Round 22:** \*With **A**, split-sc in next st and change to **B**; with **B**, split-sc in next st and change to **A**; repeat from \* around.

**Round 23:** \*With **A**, split-sc in next st and change to **B**; with **B**, split-sc in next st and change to **A**; repeat from \* to last 2 sts, with **A**, split-sc in next st and change to **B**; with **B**, split-sc in last st.

**Rounds 24-27:** Repeat Rounds 20-23. Fasten off **A**. Work remainder of bag with **B** only.

**Rounds 28-58:** \*Sc in next st, split-sc in next st; repeat from \* around.

**Round 59:** Change to smaller hook, slip st in first sc, (split-sc, ch 2, split-sc) in next split-sc, \*skip next sc, (split-sc, ch 2, split-sc) in next split-sc; repeat from \* around; join with slip st in first split-sc. Fasten off **B**.

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## STRAPS (make 2)

With larger hook and **B**, leaving a long tail for sewing, ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

**Round 1:** Ch 1, [sc in ring, ch 1] 4 times; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—4 sc and 4 ch-1 spaces.

**Round 2:** \*Split-sc in next st, ch 1, skip next ch-1 space; repeat from \* around. Repeat Round 2 until strap measures about 38" [96.5 cm] long or until strap is 4" [10 cm] longer than desired length. Slip st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

## FINISHING

Sew ends of one strap to front of bag and ends of other strap to back of bag, sewing 2" [5 cm] of each end inside top of bag and spacing ends about 8" [20.5 cm] apart.

Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**A and B** = Color A, and Color B; **ch** = chain; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **( )** = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.

