



## Nautical Tote Bag

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FREE



INTERMEDIATE

ONE POUND

DESCRIPTION    SIZING

### Abbreviations

**Ch(s)** = Chain(s)  
**st(s)** = stitch(es)

**hdc** = half double crochet    **sc** = single crochet

**Sl st** = Slip stitch

### Details & Instructions

#### MEASUREMENTS

**Finished Measurements:**

**Height 15"/38cm,**  
**Width 15"/38cm,**  
**Depth 3"/7.5cm**

#### MATERIALS

One Pound (454 g/16. oz; 742 m/812 yds)



**Contact A White (0501)**

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**Contrast B Scarlet (0516)**

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One size US G-6 (4 mm) crochet hook or size to obtain gauge. Stitch marker. Yarn needle.

#### GAUGE

14 hdc and 10 rows = 4"/10 cm.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Tote is worked side-to-side with vertical stripes worked to look like straps. Then base is picked up and worked down. Bottom is worked separately and attached around the edges of the base. Lastly, the straps are picked up and worked.

### TOTE

Using MC, ch 49.

**Foundation row:** Hdc into 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—48 sts.

**Row 1:** Ch 2 (counts as 1 hdc), hdc into each st across, turn.

Repeat Row 1 for pattern in MC until piece measures 4"/10cm. \*Change to CC and work even for 2"/5cm (for faux strap.) Change to MC and work even for 6"/15cm. Change to CC and work even for 2"/5cm (for faux strap.)\* Change to MC and work even for 8"/20.5cm. Repeat from \* to \* once. Change to MC and work even for 4"/10cm.

Holding RS together, slip st final row to beginning ch.

Fasten off.

### BASE

With RS facing, beginning at seam join CC, ch 2 (counts as 1 hdc), work 125 hdc evenly around bottom edge, sl st to top of ch 2. Place marker for end of round.

**Next round:** Ch 2 (counts as 1 hdc), hdc in each st around, sl st to top of ch 2.

Repeat this round until base measures 3"/7.5. Fasten off.

### BOTTOM

Using CC, ch 13.

**Foundation row:** Hdc into 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—12 sts.

**Row 1:** Ch 2 (counts as 1 hdc), hdc into each st across, turn.

Repeat Row 1 until bottom measures 15"/38cm.

Do not fasten off.

### FINISHING

Attach bottom to base as follows: Center bottom to base, having side seam and opposite side match center of each narrow end of bottom. Pin in place with WS together. Work sc around bottom and base, joining layers, working 3 sc in each corner and 1 sc in each hdc around base.

Fasten off.

### Decorative Trim

Beginning at seam from the outside, join CC to first row of base. Fold Tote along the top of the base. Working through the "legs" of the first row of the base, sl st around making a decorative chain that covers the first row, then join to first ch. Fasten off.

### Handles (make 2)

With RS facing, join CC to Tote at one of the CC stripes, ch 2, work 7 hdc into stripe—8 sts.

**Row 1:** Ch 2 (counts as 1 hdc), hdc into each st across, turn.

Repeat Row 1 for pattern until handle measures 18"/45.5cm from top of Tote. Do not fasten off.

With RS's together, using sl st, join last row of handle to CC stripe on same side of Tote.

Repeat for second handle on opposite side of Tote.

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.