



Crocheted Circles & Stripes Tote Bag

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Skill Level



Bag measures approximately 16" square, not including handle.

Materials:

Yarn: Deborah Norville *Everyday Soft Worsted* by Premier Yarns

- ED100-01 Snow White (MC) – 3 balls
- ED200-05 Lagoon (CA) – 2 balls
- ED200-11 Toasted Marshmallow (CB) – 2 balls

Crochet hook: US I-9 (5.5mm) or size to obtain gauge

Extras: Four stitch markers, yarn needle

Gauge: 12 sts and 7 rows = 4" in dc with 2 strands held together. Use any size hook necessary to obtain the specified gauge.

Project Notes:

- Work with 2 strands of yarn held tog throughout.
- **Stripe Patt:** 1 row CB, 1 row MC, 1 row CA.
- **To change colors in dc:** Yo, insert hook in next st and draw up a lp, yo and pull through 2 lps, drop working color and pick up new color, pull new color through rem 2 lps on hook.
- Join all rnds with a sl st in first st.

Special Stitch:

Dc2tog: [Yo, insert hook in next st and draw up a lp, yo and pull through 2 lps on hook] twice, yo and pull through all 3 lps on hook (1 st dec).

Abbreviations

beg – beginning; **yo** – yarn over; **ch** – chain; **patt** – pattern; **dc** – double crochet; **mm** – millimeter; **lp(s)** – loop(s); **rem** – remaining; **st(s)** – stitch(es); **rnd** – round; **inc** – increase; **dec** – decrease; **sl st** – slip stitch; **RS** – right side; **WS** – wrong side.



BAG BODY: Beg at bottom center with CA, ch 25.

Rnd 1 (RS): Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across to last ch, 3 dc in last ch, working along opposite side of foundation ch, dc in rem lp of each ch across to last ch, 2 dc in last ch; join – 48 dc. Place markers before and after both 3-dc groups and move these markers up and out with each completed rnd, marking oval curve.

Rnd 2: Ch 3 (counts as a dc here and throughout), and working 2 dc in each dc inside st markers, dc in each st around; join – 54 dc.

Rnd 3: Rep Rnd 2 – 66 dc.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in each dc around, inc 6 dc evenly inside markers on each oval curve; join – 78 dc.

Rnd 5: Rep Rnd 4; fasten off – 90 dc. Remove markers.

Rnd 6: Join CB with a sl st in center dc of either oval curve, ch 3, dc in each st around, changing to MC in last st; join.

Rnds 7-18: Rep Rnd 6, working in Stripe Patt and ending with CB.

Rnds 19-23: With MC, rep Rnd 6; turn.

Rnd 24: With WS facing, ch 1, sc in each st around; join; fasten off.

STRAP (Make 2): With MC, ch 77.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 76 sc.

Row 2: Ch 3, dc across; turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sl st in each st across; fasten off. Sew straps to bag.

FRONT FLAP: With MC, ch 18.

Row 1 (RS): Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 16 dc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc across; turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, dc across; turn.

Row 4: Rep Row 2.

Row 5: Ch 3, dc in each sc across to last dc, 2 dc in last sc; turn – 17 dc.

Rows 6-11: Rep Rows 4 and 5 – 20 dc.

Row 12: Ch 1, sc in each of first 2 sts, ch 2, sk 3 sts (buttonhole made), sc in each rem st across; turn.

Row 13: Ch 3, dc across to ch-2 sp, 3 dc in ch-2 sp, dc in each rem dc across; turn – 20 dc.

Row 14: Rep Row 2.

Row 15: Ch 3, dc across to last 2 sc, dc2tog; turn – 19 dc.

Rows 16-21: Rep Rows 14-15 – 16 dc.

Rows 22- 23: Rep Rows 2-3; fasten off.

With WS facing, center flap between straps on back of bag; sew to bag.



BUTTON: With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Do not join; place marker in last st and move marker up each rnd.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around; fasten off, leaving a 12" end. Weave end through sts of last rnd, pull tight to close opening and form button. Sew button to front of bag in desired position under flap.

POCKET: With CA, ch 4, join with a sl st to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, 11 dc in ring, change to CB and beg working in Stripe Patt; join – 12 dc.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in same dc as sl st, 2 dc in each st around; join – 24 dc.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, dc in same dc as sl st, 2 dc in each st around; join – 48 dc.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in same dc as sl st, dc in next st, * 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, rep from * around; join – 72 dc.

Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc in each st around; join.

Rnd 6: Ch 3, dc in each of next 52 sts; turn, leave rem sts unworked – 53 dc.

Row 7: Ch 1, sc in each dc to end; fasten off. Sew pocket to back of bag

FINISHING: Weave in ends.

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