

Sturdy Tote



Materials

7mm Crochet Hook

2 strands of Chunky Yarn (400 g)

Yarn Needle

Abbreviations

Sc	single crochet
Sc inc	single crochet increase: 2 sc's in same stitch
Sc dec	Single crochet decrease: sc 2 together
Sl st	Slip stitch

Instructions

Sides

Make 2

1. Chain 10.
2. Working in one loop only of foundation chain, make 3 sc's in 2nd ch from hook. Sc in each of the remaining 8 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
3. Sc in first 8 st's. Sc inc in next 3 st's. Sc through both loops of remaining 9 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
4. Sc in 9 st's, *sc inc, sc* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 9 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
5. Sc in 9 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 2* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 10 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
6. Sc in 10 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 3* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 10 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
7. Sc in 10 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 4* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 11 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
8. Sc in 11 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 5* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 11 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
9. Sc in 11 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 6* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 12 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
10. Sc in 12 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 7* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 12 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
11. Sc in 12 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 8* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 13 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
12. Sc in 13 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 9* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 13 st's. Ch 1 and turn. (50)
13. Sc in 13 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 10* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 14 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
14. Sc in 14 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 11* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 14 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
15. Sc in 14 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 12* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 15 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
16. Sc in 16 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 12* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 16 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
17. Sc in 17 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 12* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 18 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
18. Sc in 19 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 12* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 19 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
19. Sc in 20 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 12* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 21 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
20. *sc, sc dec* x 7, sc dec x 14, *sc dec, sc* x 7. Sc in the last st. Ch 1, sc in same st.
21. Continuing along the top of your work: sc in all remaining rows across the top(35). Turn
22. Skip 1st st. Sc in next 33 st's. Sc dec in last 2 st's. Turn.
23. Skip 1st st. Sc in next 31 st's. Sc dec in last 2 st's. Turn.
24. Skip 1st st. Sc in next 29 st's. Sc dec in last 2 st's. Turn.
25. Skip 1st st. Sc in next 27 st's. Sc dec in last 2 st's. Turn.
26. Skip 1st st. Sc in next 25 st's. Sc dec in last 2 st's. Turn.
27. Skip 1st st. Sc in next 23 st's. Sc dec in last 2 st's. Turn.
28. Skip 1st st. Sc in next 21 st's. Sc dec in last 2 st's. Turn.
29. Skip 1st st. Sc in next 19 st's. Sc dec in last 2 st's. Turn.
30. Skip 1st st. Sc in next 17 st's. Sc dec in last 2 st's. Turn.
31. Skip 1st st. Sc in next 15 st's. Sc dec in last 2 st's. Turn.
32. Skip 1st st. Sc in next 13 st's. Sc dec in last 2 st's. Turn.
33. Skip 1st st. Sc in next 11 st's. Sc dec in last 2 st's. Turn.
34. Skip 1st st. Sc in next 9 st's. Sc dec in last 2 st's. Turn.
35. Skip 1st st. Sc in next 7 st's. Sc dec in last 2 st's. Turn.
36. Skip 1st st. Sc in next 5 st's. Sc dec in last 2 st's. **Ch 1** and turn. This is the first row of your strap.
- 37-67. Sc in each st across (6). Ch 1 and turn. Bind off on the last row.

Central Panel

Make 1

1. Ch 9.
2. Sc through one loop only of 2nd ch from hook and every ch across. Ch 1 and turn.
- 3-15. Sc in each st across. Ch 1 and turn.
- 16-22. Sc inc in first and last st's. Sc in every st in between. Ch 1 and turn.
- 23-29. Sc dec over first 2 st's and last 2 st's. Sc in every stitch in between. Ch 1 and turn.
- 30-44. Sc in each st across. Ch 1 and turn. Bind off on the last row.

Assembly

Place the central panel on top of one of the side pieces. Starting from the top of one of the side pieces, join by making a sl st through both layers of each st and row of the two pieces. Do the same with the other side piece.

To join the two halves of the strap, place them on top of each other so that they overlap by 3 or 4 rows. Sew them together using a running stitch.

To finish off the body of the bag, work a row of sc's around both edges of the bag and handles. Join the sc's together with a sl st and bind off.

To make the closure, you are going to work into the stitches between the two rows of sl st's on one side of the bag.

1. Join your yarn by making a sc into the first st after your sl st seam. Sc in each of the next 6 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
- 2-9. Sc in each st across. Ch 1 and turn. (7)
10. Sc in 1st st. Ch 3. Skip 3 st's. Sc in the 4th st and in the last st. DO NOT CHAIN 1. Turn.
11. Skip 1st st. Sc in next st. Sc x 3 into ch-3 space. Sl st into last st. Bind off.

Lastly, attach your button as desired. I have attached 2 so that I can adjust the closure according to how full the bag is.