

Bucket Tote

A pattern for you from Debbie Macomber and Leisure Arts

This crocheted tote is just what is needed for those weekend trips to the beach. Made with cotton yarn, it will hold all of the necessities, even an umbrella in case of a downpour!

 **EASY**

Finished Size: Approximately 13" x 16" (33 cm x 40.5 cm)

MATERIALS

100% Cotton Medium Weight, Icon #4

approximately:

MC (Ecru) - 485 yards (443 meters)

CC (Green) - 220 yards (201 meters)

Crochet hooks, sizes G (4.50 mm) and H (5.00 mm) or sizes needed for gauge

¾ yard (68.5 cm) fabric for lining

Yarn needle

Sewing needle and thread

¾" (19 mm) buttons - 4



GAUGE:

Working double strand, with larger size hook,
Rnds 1-3 = 3 ½" (9 cm)

Working single strand, with larger size hook,
12 sts and 13 Rnds = 4" (10 cm)

BOTTOM

Note: Bottom is worked holding two strands of MC together throughout.

With larger size hook, ch 7; join with slip st to form a ring.

Rnd 1 (Right side): Ch 2 (counts as first hdc, now and throughout), 9 hdc in ring; join with slip st to first hdc: 10 hdc.

Note: Loop a short piece of yarn around any stitch to mark last round as right side.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next hdc and in each hdc around; join with slip st to first hdc: 20 hdc.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, hdc in same st and in next hdc, (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next hdc) around; join with slip st to first hdc: 30 hdc.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, hdc in same st and in next 2 hdc, (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 2 hdc) around; join with slip st to first hdc: 40 hdc.

Rnd 5: Ch 2, hdc in same st and in next 3 hdc, (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 3 hdc) around; join with slip st to first hdc: 50 hdc.

Rnd 6: Ch 2, hdc in same st and in next 4 hdc, (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 4 hdc) around; join with slip st to first hdc: 60 hdc.

Rnd 7: Ch 2, hdc in same st and in next 5 hdc, (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 5 hdc) around; join with slip st to first hdc: 70 hdc.

Rnd 8: Ch 2, hdc in same st and in next 6 hdc, (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 6 hdc) around; join with slip st to first hdc: 80 hdc.

Rnd 9: Ch 2, hdc in same st and in next 7 hdc, (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 7 hdc) around; join with slip st to first hdc: 90 hdc.

Rnd 10: Ch 2, hdc in same st and in next

8 hdc, (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 8 hdc) around; join with slip st to first hdc: 100 hdc.

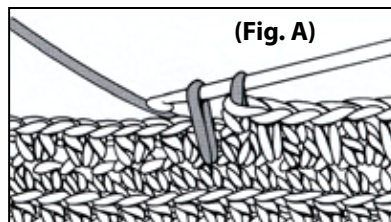
SIDES

Note: Sides are worked with one strand throughout.

Rnd 1: With right side facing, using larger size hook and working in Back Loops Only, join CC with slip st in first hdc; ch 1, sc in same st and in each hdc around; drop CC, join MC with slip st to first sc: 100 sc.

Rnd 2: With MC and working in both loops, ch 2, hdc in same st, skip next sc, (2 hdc in next sc, skip next sc) around; join with slip st to first hdc, drop MC.

Note: Work Long sc as follows: Working around previous rnd, insert hook in skipped sc in rnd below, YO and pull up a loop even with hook (Fig. A), YO and draw through both loops on hook.



Rnd 3: With CC slip st in sp between first 2 hdc, ch 1, sc in same sp, work Long sc in next skipped sc in rnd below, (sc in sp between next 2 hdc, work Long sc in next skipped sc in rnd below) around; join with slip st to first sc.

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in same st and in each st around; drop CC, join MC with slip st to first sc.

Repeat Rnds 2-4 until Sides measure approximately 12" (30.5 cm), ending by working Rnd 4; cut CC.

BAND

Change to smaller size hook.

Rnds 1-6: With MC, ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with slip st to first sc.

Rnd 7: Ch 1, working in Back Loops Only, sc in each sc around; join with slip st to first sc.

Rnds 8-12: Ch 1, working in both loops, sc in each sc around; join with slip st to first sc.

Finish off.

EDGING

With right side facing and working in free loops of Rnd 6 on Band, join MC with slip st in first sc; slip st in each st around; join with slip st to first st, finish off.

HANDLE (Make 2)

With MC and using smaller size hook, ch 100 loosely.

Rnd 1: Working in Back Ridge, sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across; working in Back Loops Only of beginning ch, sc in each ch across; join with slip st to first sc: 198 sc.

Rnds 2 and 3: Ch 1, sc in both loops of same st and in each sc around; join with slip st to first sc.

Joining and Edging Rnd: Fold Handle along



beginning ch; working through both loops of both sides, slip st in each sc across, slip st evenly down end; working in free loops of beginning ch, slip st in each ch across; slip st evenly down end; join with slip st to first st, finish off.

FINISHING

Referring to photo, place button on top of each end of each Handle and attach to Band.

Using Tote as a pattern, cut 2 pieces of fabric, adding ¼" (7 mm) along the top edge and ⅝" (16 mm) seam allowances along the remaining edges.

With right sides together, sew a ⅝" (16 mm) seam along sides and bottom.

Fold top edge ¼" (7 mm) to wrong side twice and sew in place.

With wrong sides together, sew Lining inside Tote.

Fold Band over Lining and sew in place.

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