





# **Midsummer Tote**

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## **DIFFICULTY**

Basic

# **FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

Width: 15"

Height (excluding straps): 15%"

# **MATERIALS**

**Universal Yarn** *Yashi* (100% Raffia; 40g/99 yds)

- 112 Pulp (MC) 3 balls
- 108 Earthy (CC) 3 balls

**Hook:** US Size H-8 (5 mm) **Notions:** Removable marker

# **GAUGE**

15 sc x 16 rnds = 4" 15 sts x 8 rnds = 4" in Section 2 patt

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### **PATTERN NOTES**

The Midsummer Tote is sure to have you dreaming of your next trip to the beach. Made with Yashi, our 100% raffia yarn, this bag is perfect for stowing away your summer essentials whenever you're on the go.

The body of this bag is crocheted in seamlessly in the round. A simple mesh pattern in a contrasting color breaks up two sections of single crochet. The straps are worked flat separately and sewn to the inside of the bag during finishing.

#### **BAG**

### Section 1

With MC, ch 57.

**Rnd 1:** Sc in second ch from hk (1 skipped ch does not count as first sc), sc into each ch across, turn (working into opposite side of ch), sc in each ch across, sl st into top of 1<sup>st</sup> sc to join in the rnd – 112 sc. Place removable marker to denote bor.

**Rnds 2-15:** Ch 1 (does not count as sc), sc in each sc around, join with sl st to first sc.

**Rnd 16:** Ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in each sc around, join with sl st to first sc using CC. Cut MC, cont with CC only.

## Section 2

Note: This section is also charted for your convenience.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc into each sc around, join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 2: Ch 4 (counts as dc + 1 ch), sk next dc, \* dc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc; rep from \* around, join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, dc into ch-1 space, \* dc into next dc, dc into ch-1 space; rep from \* around, join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc into next 2 dc, ch 1, sk next dc, \* dc into next 3 dc, ch 1, sk next dc; rep from \* around, join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

**Rnd 5:** Ch 3, dc into next 2 dc, dc into ch-1 space, \* dc into next 3 dc, dc into ch-1 space; rep from \* around, join with sl st to top of beg ch-3. Rep Rnds 2-5, 3 more times, then rep Rnd 2, one more time.

**Next Rnd:** Ch 3, dc into ch-1 space, \* dc into next dc, dc into ch-1 space; rep from \* around, join with sl st to top of beg ch-3 using MC. Cut CC. Cont with MC only.

#### Section 3

**Rnd 1:** Ch 1 (does not count as sc), sc in each dc around, join with sl st to first sc.

**Rnds 2-9:** Ch 1 (does not count as sc), sc in each sc around, join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off.

#### **STRAPS**

Make two.

With MC, ch 117.

**Row 1:** Sc into second ch from hk (1 skipped ch counts as first sc), sc into each ch across – 116 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc into each sc across, turn.

Rows 3-4: Rep Row 2.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

#### **FINISHING**

Lightly spray with warm water and pin to finished measurements. Weave in ends.

Beginning 4" from each side of bag, sew approx. 1" of each end of Straps to the inside the top edge of the bag. Be sure to sew along the bottom and sides of Straps where attached to ensure a secure attachment.

approximately

## **Abbreviations**

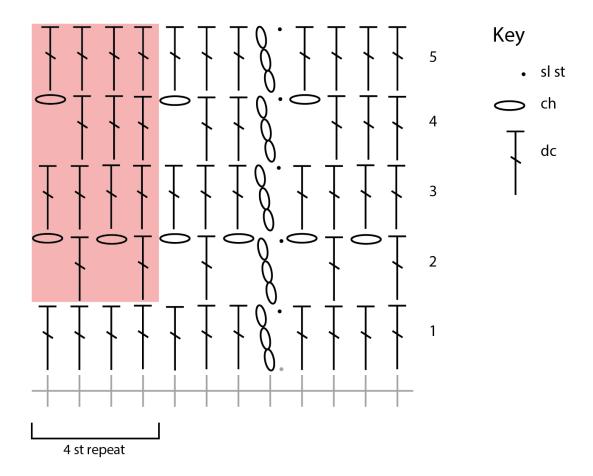
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beg	begin(ning)
bor	beginning of round
CC	contrast color
ch	chain
dc	double crochet
hk	hook
MC	main color
rep	repeat
rnd	round
sl	slip
st(s)	stitch(es)

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# Section 2



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