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Vintage Stripes Tote Bag

Locker Hooking Craft Recipe

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7" x 7 3/4" Tote

Ingredients:

- *34 yds 3/4"w Fabric Strips in Red Linen, Indigo or Twig Color Crazy Vintage Weave strips, or use your own.
- *32 yds 3/4"w Color Crazy Natural Muslin strips.
- *2 yds bulky yarn for padded top edge
- Locking medium: matching medium weight yarn or cotton twine
- 3.75-mesh Canvas: Bottom piece 19x28 squares, sides 66w x 34h
- Rattan circles purse handles 4 5/8"w, or other handles or strap.
- Flower Accent: 1 - 1/2 yds Raffia yarn and Hemp Twine.

New to locker hooking? Watch video tutorials at colorcrazy.com.

Tools:

- Locker hook and #13 tapestry needle
- scissors
- Fabric for securing flower accent (optional)
- Fabric for lining (optional)
- Adhesive (optional)

*Yardage is approximate and may vary depending on loop length, substitute colors to create a custom design.

Instructions:

1. Locker Hook Bottom: Fold over cut canvas bottom by creasing gray row and locker hook according to pattern. Sew in tails.

2. Locker Hook Sides: Fold over cut canvas; crease gray row to locker hook sides. Work in the round by overlapping 4 squares. Use clothespin or large paper clip to hold canvas together as you locker hook. Tip: locker hook by pulling up only 4 or 5 squares at a time to keep loops level. Use fingers to adjust loops if necessary for proper height. Sew in tails.

3. Frame Padded Top Edge: Stitch on bulky yarn over top row on locker hooked circle. Yarn should wrap twice as you stitch. Wrap with tapestry needle and muslin strips. Sew in tail.

4. Assemble Pieces: use tapestry needle and cotton muslin strips to stitch bottom to sides and sew in tail.

6. Accent: add optional accent by pulling up Raffia loops and hemp cord to create flower.

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Secure accent: Cut rounded shape in fabric to cover size of accent. Apply waterproof fabric glue and attach on inside to hold Raffia and cord stitches in place.

7. Attach handles with tapestry needle and matching hemp cord, muslin strips or sturdy twine. Use fingers to tie on, wrapping several times and stitching through first row. Tie knots in between wraps and to secure. Tie off on inside and sew in tails.

8. Optional: create lining and attach by hand stitching at top edge through first row, hiding stitches under loops. Or, use waterproof adhesive to glue to top inner edge. Hold in place with clothespins and let dry.
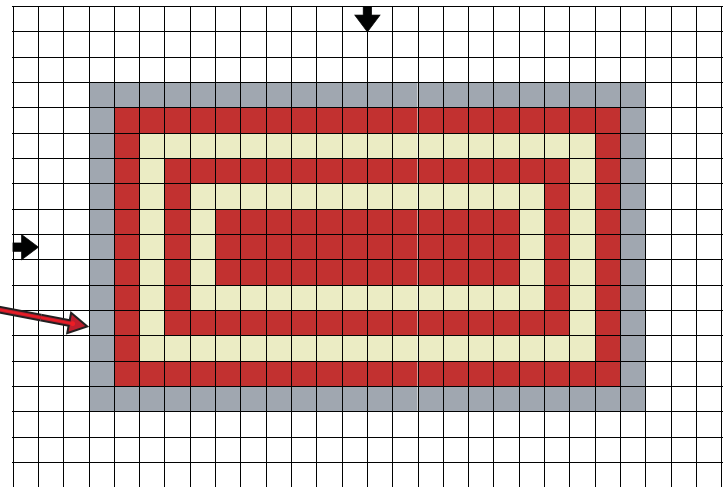
Bottom: 19 x 28

Fold by creasing grey row

Sides: 66 x 34

Overlap by 4 squares to create sides of tote.
Stitch yarn on top row. Wrap yarn around twice before wrapping to cover with muslin and create padded edge.

Wrap top edge padded with yarn using tapestry needle and muslin strips.

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