

Tropical Tote Bag Locker Hooked

Approximately 9"W x 14"H including handle

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Use as a small totebag or gift basket!

Materials:

- 3.75-mesh canvas cut per pattern pcs. below:
Body: 41x 73, Bottom: 32 x 19
- Color Crazy Fabric Strips (or your own pre-cut or torn)
- 3/4"W, 40 - 44 yds. Turquoise Pre-Cut Velvety Flannel or Cotton Fabric Strips
- 3/4"W, 12 yds. Spring Greens Pre-Cut Velvety Flannel or Cotton Fabric Strips
- 1/4"W, 10 12 yds. Jungle Waters Pre-Cut Hand-Dyed Cotton Strips
- 4 5/8" Rattan purse handles (avail. from Color Crazy)
- Citrine Lumiere luminiscent paint

Optional Accents:

- Flower or ribbon accents

Instructions:

Note: Use illustrated instructions in *Locking Loops* or *Hook, Loop & Lock* book. Visit colorcrazy.com and watch the videos.

Step 1: Cut out canvas pieces and paint with brush. Let dry. Apply 2nd coat and let dry.

Step 2: Fold over edges and crease rows indicated by grey areas in pattern. Locker hook body by working in the round and overlapping by 3 squares. When locker hooking top rows, alternate* in between rows and layer 1/4" strip over flannel to pull up loops. Use fingers to pull 1/4"W strip up in longer loops to add fringe-like, loopy texture. Use black or matching yarn for locking medium as you locker hook both pieces

Step 3: Sew in tails and trim.

Step 4: Assemble bottom to body with Spring Greens Velvety Flannel or fabric strips chosen.

Step 5: Frame Top Edge: Use Spring Greens and thread through tapestry needle. Use about 1 yd at a time. Sew in tails.

Step 6: Measure and center handles and use tapestry needle and Velvety fabric strips to attach. Stitch around each handle approximately 4 stitches. Tie securely on the inside and sew in tails.



Tools Required:

- Locker hook
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Paint brush
- Ruler or tape measure



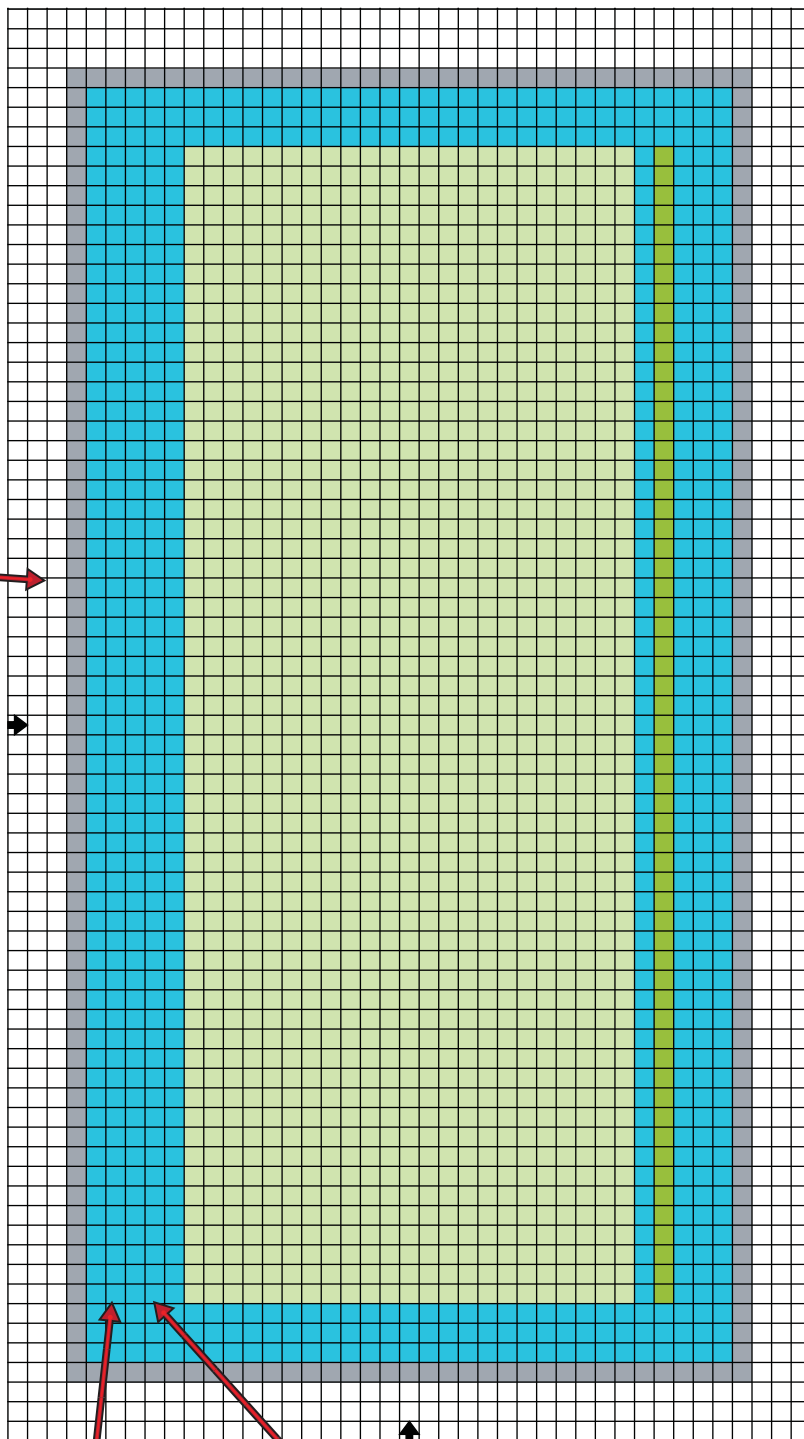
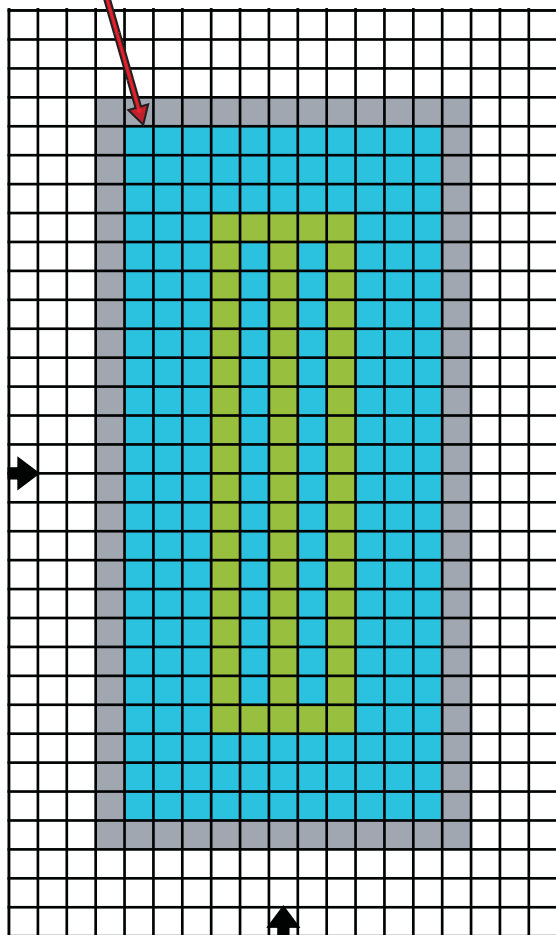
Tote Body Pattern

Instructions--continued:

Step 7: Finishing! Be sure to sew in all tails and
 OPTIONAL--secure knots for handles with a drop or two of glue. Embellish with floral accents.
 Enjoy using as a gift basket and line with tissue around gifts, or use as a tote!

Fold over 3 rows, crease 1 row shown in dark gray.

Tote Bottom Pattern



Top of Tote

Bottom of Tote

*Alternate with 1/4"W strips at top of tote in rows 2 & 4. Layer strips and pull up with fingers.