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BERNAT **HUGS & KISSES TOTE BAG** Designed by Jeanne Steinhilber | CROCHET



MATERIALS

Bernat® Maker Home Dec™ (8.8 oz/250 g; 317 yds/290 m)

Main Color (MC) Woodberry (11001) 2 balls Contrast A Clay (11008) 1 ball

Size U.S. K/10½ (6.5 mm) crochet hook or size needed to obtain **gauge.** Stitch markers. Grommets size 5/8" [16 mm]. Assorted Beads.



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ABBREVIATIONS

Approx = Approximate(ly)

Ch = Chain(s)

Dc = Double crochet

Hdc = Half double crochet

Pat = Pattern

Popcorn = 4 dc in next stitch.

Drop loop from hook. Insert hook from front to back into top of first dc of 4-dc group and pull dropped loop through.

PM = Place marker

Rep = Repeat

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

Sc = Single crochet

SI st = Slip stitch

St(s) = Stitch(es)

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 15" [38 cm] wide x 14" [35.5 cm] tall, excluding handles.

GAUGE

11 sc and 12 rows = 4'' [10 cm].

INSTRUCTIONS

With MC, ch 42.

1st rnd: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to last ch. 3 sc in last ch. **Do not** turn. Working across opposite side of foundation ch, 1 sc in each ch to last ch. 2 sc in last ch. Join with sl st to first sc. 84 sc. PM on first sc.

2nd and 3rd rnds: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc.

4th rnd: Ch 3 (counts as dc). 1 dc in each sc around. Join with sl st to top of ch 3.

5th rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each st around. Join with sl st to first sc.

6th rnd: Ch 3 (does not count as st). 1 dc in next sc. 1 dc in same sp where sl st was made - beg X-st made. *Skip next sc. 1 dc in next sc. 1 dc in skipped sc – X-st made. Rep from * around. Join with sl st to beg X-st. SI st to next dc. 42 X-sts. Note: Second sl st at end of

X-st rnds are important to keep lined up on side of Bag.



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7th rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each dc around. Join with sl st to first sc. 8th rnd: Ch 2 (does not count as hdc). 1 hdc in first sc. *Popcorn in next sc. 1 hdc in each of next 2 sc. Rep from * around, ending with: Popcorn in next sc. 1 hdc in last sc. Join with sl st to top of first hdc. 28 popcorns.

9th and 10th rnds: As 5th and 6th rnds.

11th rnd: As 5th rnd. **12th rnd:** As 4th rnd.

Rep 5th to 12th rnds to form pat twice more. Break MC at end of last rnd. Join A.

Next 6 rnds: With A, ch 1. 1 sc in each st around. Join with sl st to first sc.

Next rnd: SI st in each st around. Fasten off.

FINISHING

To place grommets: Lay Bag flat. PM for grommets 4" [10 cm] in from each side to position grommet. Following manufacturer's instructions, apply grommets (grommets will be squeezed between sc sts).

Handles (make 2)

For each Handle make 6 chain lengths as follows: Ch 110. Fasten off, leaving 10" [25.5 cm] tails on both ends.

Divide 6 chain lengths into 3 groups (2 chain lengths each). Braid 3 groups into Handle. Secure ends tightly. Slip into grommets and tie a knot. Adjust lengths as needed. Add beads to ends. Knot and trim as shown in picture.