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# **CARON**<sup>®</sup> CHECKED CROCHET TOTE BAG



#### MATERIALS

**Caron<sup>®</sup> Simply Soft<sup>™</sup>** (6 oz/170 g; 315 yds/288 m)

Contrast A Cobalt (39784)

**Contrast B** Chartreuse (39771)

1 ball or 288 yds/264 m 1 ball or 299 yds/273 m

Size U.S. 7 [4.5 mm] Susan Bates<sup>®</sup> Silvalume<sup>®</sup> crochet hook **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Susan Bates<sup>®</sup> yarn needle. Susan Bates<sup>®</sup> locking stitch marker.



CROCHET I SKILL LEVEL: EASY

# ABBREVIATIONS

Approx = Approximate(ly) Beg = Beginning Ch = Chain(s) Cont = Continue(ity) Pat = Pattern PM = Place marker Rep = Repeat RS = Right side Sc = Single crochet SI st = Slip stitch St(s) = Stitch(es) Tog = Together WS = Wrong side

### **MEASUREMENTS**

Approx 12" x 12" x 3" [30.5 x 30.5 x 7.5 cm], excluding Strap.

# GAUGE

16 sc and 16 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Chart Pat.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Note:** When working from chart and joining new color, work to last 2 loops on hook of last st. Draw new color through 2 loops, then proceed in new color.

### **BAG BASE**

With A, ch 13.

Work Chart on page 2, noting each square of chart is equal to 1 sc and reading RS rows from **right** to **left** and WS rows from **left** to **right**.

Carry color not in use across top of entire previous row and work sts around it. This will ensure even gauge as all sts will be worked around an extra strand of yarn held across top of previous row. Carry both colors up side of work.

**1st row:** (1st row of Chart - RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 12 sc. **2nd row:** (2nd row of Chart - WS). Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

Rep last row until 6th row of chart is complete.

Rep last 6 rows of Chart Pat until Bag Base measures approx 12" [30.5 cm], ending on 3rd row or 6th row. Fasten off.

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### **STRAP & SIDES**

With A, ch 13. Work Chart as noted for Bag Base.

**1st row:** (1st row of Chart - RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 12 sc. **2nd row:** (2nd row of Chart – WS). Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

Rep last row until 6th row of chart is complete.

Rep last 6 rows of Chart Pat until Strap measures approx 12" [30.5 cm], ending on 3rd row or 6th row of chart. PM on each end of last row. Cont in Chart Pat, until Strap measures approx 36" [91.5 cm], ending on 3rd row or 6th row of chart. PM on each end of last row. Cont in Chart Pat until Strap measures approx 48" [122 cm], ending with 3rd row or 6th row of chart. Fasten off.

# **FRONT & BACK PANELS**

With A, ch 49.

Work Chart as noted for Bag Base.

**1st row:** (1st row of Chart - RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 48 sc. **2nd row:** (2nd row of Chart – WS). Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

Rep last row until 6th row of chart is complete.

Rep last 6 rows of Chart Pat until work from beg measures approx 12" [30.5 cm], ending on 3rd row or 6th row of chart.

**Next row:** With B only, 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Fasten off.

### FINISHING Join Bag Base to Front & Back Panels:

With RS of Base facing, place lower edge of Front Panel behind long edge of Base with WS of work tog, aligning corner of Base with corner of Front Panel.

**1st row:** Join B with sl st. Ch 1. *Working through both thicknesses,* work sc evenly across edge. Fasten off.

Rep to join Base to Back Panel.

# Join Strap & Sides to Bag Base:

With RS of Base facing, place beg edge of Strap & Sides behind short edge of Base with WS of work tog, aligning corner of Bottom with corner of Strap.

**1st row:** Join B with sl st. Ch 1. *Working through both thicknesses,* work sc evenly across edge. Fasten off.

Rep to join opposite end of Strap & Sides to Base.

# Join Strap & Sides to Front & Back Panels:

Align top corners of Front and Back Panels to rows marked with st markers on Strap & Sides. Pin pieces tog if desired. Beg at bottom right corner of Panel, join B with sl st.

**1st row:** Beg at bottom right corner of Front Panel, join B with sl st. Ch 1. *Working through both thicknesses,* work sc evenly up edge of Front Panel, across single edge of Strap, and down opposite edge of Front Panel. Fasten off.

Rep for other side.

