



# Crochet Save the Earth Bag

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**RED HEART® Eco-Cotton™** Blend: 2 skeins 1340 Almond

**Crochet Hook:** 3.75 mm [US F-5]  
Stitch marker.  
Yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** Rounds 1-9 = 4" diameter. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge given.

**Bag measures 12" wide x 14" tall, unstretched.** Bag has considerable stretch.

## BASE

**Round 1 (Right Side):** Using adjustable loop technique, work 8 sc in ring – 8 sts. Mark beginning of round, moving marker up each round.

**Round 2:** 2 sc in each st around – 16 sts.

**Round 3:** \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around – 24 sts.

**Round 4:** \*Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around – 32 sts.

**Round 5:** \*Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around – 40 sts.

**Round 6:** \*Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around – 48 sts.

**Round 7:** \*Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around – 56 sts.

**Round 8:** \*Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around – 64 sts.

**Round 9:** \*Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around – 72 sts.

**Round 10:** \*Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around – 80 sts.

**Round 11:** \*Sc in each of next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 88 sts.

**Round 12:** \*Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around – 96 sts.

## MESH SECTION

**Round 1:** Sc in first st, \*ch 5, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st; repeat from \* to last 2 sts, ch 2, skip 2 sts, dc in first st to join – 32 spaces.

**Round 2:** (Dc just made is first st of rnd), \*ch 5, sc in next ch-5 space; repeat from \* around, end ch 2, dc in first st to join – 32 spaces.

**Rounds 3-30:** Repeat Round 2.

## TOP

**Round 1:** Ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc around length of joining dc, hdc in same place, \*3 hdc in next ch-space; hdc in next sc; repeat from \* around, end hdc in last space, slip st in top of beginning ch to join – 128 sts.

**Round 2:** Sc2tog, \*sc in next st, sc2tog; repeat from \* around – 85 sts.

**Rounds 3-5:** Sc in each st around.



### FIRST HANDLE

**Row 1:** Working in back loop only, sc in each of next 4 sts, turn – 4 sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, working in back loop of previous row and unused loop of row below, sc in each st – 4 sts.

Repeat Row 2 until 14” or desired length.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Skip next 8 sts. Sew short end of handle to next 4 sts.

### SECOND HANDLE

Skip next 26 sts. Working in back loop only, join with sc in next st, sc in each of next 3 sts – 4 sts.

Work as for First Handle.

### FINISHING

Weave in ends.



**RED HEART® “Eco-Cotton Blend™”**,  
Art.E749 (3 ounce/145 yard ball).

**ABBREVIATIONS:** **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet;  
**hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single  
crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tog** = together; **yo** = yarn over  
needle; \* **or** \*\* = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as  
indicated.

### Special Abbreviations:

**Sc2tog** = Single crochet decrease – insert hook in first st,  
draw up a loop; insert hook in next st, draw up a loop, yo,  
draw through all loops on hook.