



stitch Nation

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rose garden tote

Tote your current crochet project in this vibrant bag of roses or use it as your everyday bag. Wherever it goes, it's sure to make you smile!

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Designed by Michele Wilcox.

Tote measures 17" wide x 15" high, after felting (not including handles).

STITCH NATION by Debbie Stoller™ "Full o' Sheep™": 5 balls 2510 Aquamarine A, 1 ball each of 2640 Thyme B, 2925 Passionfruit C, 2260 Clementine D, 2205 Little Lamb E, 2701 Cupcake F.

Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9].
Yarn needle.

GAUGE: 10 sts and 4 rows = 3" in double crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

NOTES

1. Body of tote is worked in joined rounds, with right side facing at all times. Join, but do not turn at the end of rounds.
2. More or fewer leaves, roses, and curls can be made and sewn to top of tote, as desired.

TOTE

Beginning at lower edge of tote, with A, ch 51.

Round 1 (Right Side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 48 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working across opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 48 ch, 2 sc in last ch; join with slip st in first sc, do not turn—102 sc.

Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 2 dc in same sc as joining, dc in next 48 sc, 3 dc in each of next 3 sc, dc in next 48 sc, 3 dc in each of last 2 sc; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—114 dc.

Round 3: Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc, dc in next 48 dc, 2 dc in each of next 9 dc, dc in next 48 dc, 2 dc in each of last 6 dc; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—132 dc.

Rounds 4–34: Ch 3, dc in each dc around.

Round 35: Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining, sc in each dc around; join with slip st in first sc.
Fasten off.

Handle (make 2)

With A, ch 70.

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc) and in each remaining ch across, turn—68 dc.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), working in back loops only, dc in each dc across, turn.

Fold handle lengthwise, bringing foundation ch up to meet last row of stitches.

Last Row (joining row): Ch 1, working through both thicknesses, sc in each st across to join long edges of piece together. Fasten off.



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LEAF (make 7)

With B, ch 10.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 5 ch, hdc in next ch, 5 hdc in last ch; working across opposite side of foundation ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 5 ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, turn—21 sts.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first sc, hdc in next hdc, dc in next 5 dc, hdc in next 3 hdc, 5 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 3 hdc, dc in next 5 dc, hdc in next hdc, sc in last sc, turn—25 sts.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first 12 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in last 12 sts—27 sts. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

CURLS (make 6)

With B, ch 30.

Row 1: Work 2 dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), 3 dc in each remaining ch across—81 dc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

LARGE ROSES (make 8 – 1 with C, 2 each with D and E, and 3 with F)

Ch 15.

Row 1: Work 4 tr in 5th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first tr), 5 tr in each remaining ch across, turn—55 tr.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in first tr, 2 dc in each of next 19 tr, hdc in next tr, sc in each remaining tr across—75 sts. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

SMALL ROSES (make four – 1 each with C, D, E, and F)

Ch 15.

Row 1: Work 4 tr in 5th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first tr), 5 tr in each remaining ch across, turn—55 tr. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FINISHING

Attach Handle: Sew ends of one handle to top front of bag, placing each end about 5" in from side edge. Sew ends of 2nd handle to top back of bag, placing each end about 5" in from side edge.

Attach Roses, Leaves and Curls: Roll roses into spirals and use tail to sew lower edges together to retain shape. Arrange leaves, curls, and roses across top front edge of tote, as desired or using photograph as guide. Weave in ends.

Felt Tote: Place tote in washing machine. Wash using hot water, maximum agitation, and a small amount of laundry soap. Check progress of felting every 3-5 minutes. Remove tote from washer before spin cycle. Repeat wash cycle until desired level of felting is

achieved. Gently squeeze excess water from tote, pull into shape and allow piece to dry. Hints: A few pairs of jeans or a couple of old bath towels (avoid very fluffy towels that may produce lint) can be added to the washing machine to increase agitation. Place tote in a lingerie bag or pillow case before felting to capture lint.



STITCH NATION by Debbie Stoller™ "Full o' Sheep™" Art. T100 available in 3.5 oz (100 g); 155 yd (142 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: A, B, C, D, E, and F = color A, color B, color C, etc; ch = chain; dc = double crochet; hdc = half double crochet; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); tr = treble crochet.