



chic sheep
BY Marly Bird

Mod Chic Tote

Sophisticated accessorizing is yours, with just a few balls of yarn and purchased handles. The high contrast stripes are crocheted in continuous rounds, switching the color every three rounds. Accent your look with an optional tassel (or make a few tassels to switch out as desired).





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Designed by Salena Baca

What you will need:

RED HEART® Chic Sheep™: 2 balls of 5312 Stiletto **A** and 1 ball of 5311 Lace **B**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5mm [US H-8]

Split stitch marker, yarn needle, pair of 23" (58 cm) leather purse handles (with perforations for sewing), sewing needle and matching thread, 6" (15 cm) piece of cardboard for tassel (optional), lobster claw key ring for tassel (optional), contrasting yarn for tassel (optional)

GAUGE: 20 sc = 4" (10 cm); 21 rnds = 4" (10 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

BUY YARN



RED HEART® Chic Sheep by Marly Bird™, Art. R170 100% Merino Wool available 3.5 oz (100 g), 200 yd (183 m) balls

Tote measures 26.5" [67.5 cm] in circumference, 12" [30.5 cm] in height.

Pattern Notes

Pattern is worked in continuous rounds, do not join at end of round. Place marker into middle sc of increase and move marker up on each round. Do not fasten off color, carry yarn for color changes.

TOTE

Ch 51, with **A**

Round 1 (RS): 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook (place marker in 1st sc), sc in each ch to last ch, 3 sc in last ch (place marker in 2nd sc). Turn to work in unused loops of foundation chain. Sc in each ch to first ch, sc in first ch. Do not turn- 102 sc.

Round 2: 3 sc in first sc (move marker to middle sc), sc in each sc to marker, 3 sc in marked sc (move marker to middle sc), sc in each sc to beginning. Do not turn- 106 sc.

Round 3: Sc in first sc, 3 sc in next sc (move marker to middle sc), sc in each sc to marker, 3 sc in marked sc (move marker to middle sc), sc in each sc to beginning. Do not turn- 110 sc. Repeat Round 3 five times- 130 sc.

Rounds 9-15: Sc in each sc around. Do not turn, Do not fasten off **A**.- 130 sc.

Round 16: Join **B** with sc, sc in each sc around. Do not turn.

Rounds 17-18: Sc in each sc around. Do not turn. Do not fasten off **B**.

Rounds 19-21: Switch to **A**, sc in each sc around. Do not turn.

Repeat Round 9 for 33 more rounds switching Color **A** and **B** every 3 rounds.

Rounds 55-62: Switch to **A**, sc in each sc around. Do not turn.

Round 63: Slip st in each sc around. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends. Lay tote flat. Position handles where desired. Use sewing needle and matching thread to attach handles to purse.

Optional Tassel

Cut 2 pieces of contrasting yarn, 12" (30 cm) each, put aside. Wrap yarn around 6" (15 cm) piece of cardboard 50 times, cut on one side creating 1 bundle of 50 strands. Place bundle evenly between one 12" (30 cm) piece of yarn, tie bundle into place (assure strands are even). Fold bundle so that strands are even, tie second 12" (30 cm) piece of yarn around bundle, 1" (2.5 cm) below knot. Trim bundle ends to make even. Fasten tassel to Lobster Claw Key King, clip to purse handle as desired.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **sl st** = slip stitch; **sc** = single crochet; **tch** = turning chain; **RS** = right side; **WS** = wrong side; **()** = work directions in parentheses in same st; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

Note from Marly: I would like to thank Salena Baca for her contribution to the Chic Sheep by Marly Bird™ collection. Salena's sense of style and design aesthetic are a perfect match for this wonderful yarn and pattern collection. Her designs are simple, fashionable and chic crochet, always a winning combination. Learn more about Salena's designs by visiting her website, salenabacacrochet.com

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