



AN ITALIAN STORY

Vera™



RIGA BAG

CROCHET



WHAT YOU NEED

RED HEART[®] Vera[™]:

2 balls each 2360 Caffé A, and 2312 Nero B

Susan Bates[®] Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9]

Yarn needle.

GAUGE: 13 sc = 4" [10 cm]; 16 rows = 4" [10 cm] in single crochet (sc). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

BUY YARN



RED HEART[®] Vera[™]: Art R181 available in 3.5 oz (100 g) 135 yds (123 m) balls



Designed by Italian Story Design Team

Bag measures about 11" [28 cm] wide at base, 20½" [52 cm] wide at top edge, and 11" [28 cm] tall (not including handles).

Notes

1. Bag is made from a base, front, back, two sides, and two straps.
2. First the base is worked back and forth in rows.
3. Stitches are worked evenly along one long edge of the base to begin the front. The front is then worked back and forth in rows. The back is worked the same as the front beginning along the remaining long edge of the base.
4. Stitches are worked evenly along one short edge of the base to begin each side and then sides are worked back and forth in rows. Increases are worked at edge of some rows to shape sides.
5. The yarn color is changed every 7 rows on front, back, and sides to create stripes.
6. To change yarn color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Fasten off old color leaving a long tail to use when seaming edges.
7. Edges of front, back and sides are seamed to complete body of bag.
8. Two straps are worked separately and sewn to top edge of bag.

Special Stitch

join with sc = Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

BAG

Base

With **A**, ch 36.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across—35 sc.

Rows 2-25: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Fasten off.

Front

Row 1: Join **B** with sc at beginning of one long edge of base, work 34 more sc evenly spaced along edge—35 sc.

Rows 2-7: With **B**, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Change to **A** in last sc of last row.

Rows 8-14: With **A**, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Change to **B** in last sc of last row.

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Rows 15–21: With **B**, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Change to **A** in last sc of last row.

Rows 22–35: Repeat Rows 8–21.

Rows 36–42: Repeat Rows 8–14.
Fasten off.

Back

Beginning along remaining long edge, work back the same as front.

Side

Row 1: Join **B** with sc at beginning of one short edge of base, work 20 more sc evenly spaced along edge—21 sc.

Row 2 (increase row): With **B**, ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across—22 sc.

Rows 3 and 4: With **B**, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Row 5 (increase row): Repeat Row 2—23 sc.

Rows 6 and 7: With **B**, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Change to **A** in last sc of last row.

Row 8: With **A**, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Row 9 (increase row): With **A**, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—24 sc.

Rows 10 and 11: With **A**, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Row 12 (increase row): Repeat Row 9—25 sc.

Rows 13 and 14: With **A**, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Change to **B** in last sc of last row.

Row 15: With **B**, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Row 16 (increase row): Repeat Row 2—26 sc.

Rows 17 and 18: With **B**, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Row 19 (increase row): Repeat Row 2—27 sc.

Rows 20 and 21: With **B**, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Change to **A** in last sc of last row.

Rows 22–35: Repeat Rows 8–21—29 sc.

Rows 36–42: Repeat Rows 8–14—31 sc.

Fasten off. Repeat along remaining short edge for second side.

STRAPS (make 2)

With **B**, ch 11.

Row 1: Sc in 3rd ch from hook, [ch 1, skip next ch, sc in next ch] 4 times—5 sc, 4 ch-1 spaces, and 1 beginning ch-space.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn, skip first sc, sc in next ch-1 space, [ch 1, skip next sc, sc in next ch-1 space] 3 times, ch 1, skip last sc, sc in beginning ch-space.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures about 19" [48.5 cm] from beginning.

Fasten off. Repeat for second strap.

FINISHING

Sew edges of front, back, and sides together using yarn matching the stripes. Sew ends of one strap to inside of top edge of front and one strap to inside of top edge of back, sewing each end about 2" [5 cm] from seam. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A and B = Color A and Color B; **ch** = chain; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

see diagram and schematic on next page

