



MATERIALS

Red Heart® With Love Chunky™ (5 oz/141 g; 171 yds/156 m)
Taupe (1970) **3 balls**

Size U.S. L/11 (8 mm) crochet hook **or size needed to obtain gauge.**
 Two 6" [15 cm] inside diameter round wooden handles (measure the diameter across the opening inside the handles), stitch marker.

 CROCHET | SKILL LEVEL: **INTERMEDIATE**

ABBREVIATIONS

Approx = Approximately

Ch = Chain(s)

Dc = Double crochet

Dcbp = Yoh and draw up a loop around post of next st at back of work inserting hook from right to left. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice.

Dcfp = Yoh and draw up a loop around post of next st at front of work inserting hook from right to left. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice.

Puff = (Yoh and draw up a loop) 3 times in indicated st. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook.

Sc = Single crochet

Sc2tog = Draw up a loop in each of next 2 sc. Yoh and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

St(s) = stitch(es)

Yoh = Yarn over hook

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 13" x 14" [33 x 35.5 cm], not including handle

GAUGE

10 sc and 11 rows = 4" [10 cm]

INSTRUCTIONS

Notes:

Tote is worked in 2 pieces: Body and base.

Body is worked back and forth in rows. Side edges are seamed to form back seam of tote.

Base is worked separately in rounds and crocheted to bottom edges of body.

Knotted fringe is attached around top of assembled tote.

BODY

Ch 70.

Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, turn—69 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first 4 sts, *puff in next st, sc in next 3 sts; repeat from * to last st, sc in last st, turn—16 puffs.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first 2 sts, puff in next st, *sc in next 3 sts, puff in next st; repeat from * to last 2 sts, sc in last 2 sts, turn—17 puffs.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn.

Rows 6-17: Repeat Rows 2-5 for 3 more times.

Rows 18-33: Ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn.

Row 34: Ch 1, sc in first 34 sts, sc2tog, sc in remaining 33 sts, turn—68 sc.

Row 35 (tassel ridge): Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in back loop only of each st across. Turn.

Row 36: Ch 3, *Dcftp around next st, Dcbp around next st; repeat from * to last st, Dcftp around last st. Fasten off.

Sew side edges of body together for back seam, forming tube shape.

Lower Edge: Working along opposite side of foundation ch, join yarn with sc in any ch, sc in each remaining ch around; join

with slip st in first sc—69 sc. Fasten off.

HANDLE WRAPS

First Wrap

With right side facing, join yarn with slip st in 25th dc of last row of body.

Row 1 (right side): Ch 3, [Dcftp around next st, Dcbp around next st] 9 times, Dcftp around next st; turn, leave remaining sts unworked—20 sts.

Rows 2-4: Ch 3, *Dcftp around next st, Dcbp around next st; repeat from * to last st, Dcftp around last st. Turn. Fasten off.

Second Wrap

With right side facing, skip first 14 unworked sts of last row of body following Row 1 of first wrap, join yarn with slip st in next st.

Rows 1-4: Work same as Rows 1-4 of first wrap. Fasten off.

BASE

Note: Place a marker in last sc made to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Work in continuous rounds. (spiral)
Ch 12.

Round 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 9 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working along opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 9 ch, 2 sc in last ch;—24 sc.

Round 2: Work 2 sc in first st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in each of last 2 sts—30 sc.

Round 3: Sc in first st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times, sc in next 9 sts, [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] twice—36 sc.

Round 4: Sc in first 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, [sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 3 times, sc in next 9 sts, [sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice—42 sc.

Round 5: Sc in first 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, [sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 3 times, sc in next 9 sts, [sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice—48 sc.

Round 6: Sc in first 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, [sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] 3 times, sc in next 9 sts, [sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice—54 sc.

Round 7: Sc in first 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, [sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] 3 times, sc in next 9 sts, [sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice—60 sc.

Round 8: Sc in first 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, [sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st] 3 times, sc in next 9 sts, [sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice—66 sc.

Round 9: [Sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in next st] 3 times—69 sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

With right sides facing, hold outer edge of base and lower edge of body together with stitches matching. Pin base in place. Working through both loops of both thicknesses, join yarn with sc in any st, sc in each remaining st all the way around to join the base to the body; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Attach Handles

Hold one round handle on inside of first wrap. Fold wrap over to cover handle and pin in place. Carefully sew last row of wrap to

first row of wrap. Repeat to attach second handle.

Knotted Fringe

Fringe base: Turn tote upside down. Working in loops that were left unworked when making Row 35, join yarn with sc in 3rd loop from center back seam, *ch 4, skip next 3 loops, sc in next loop; repeat from * around to last 3 loops, ch 4, skip last 3 loops; join with slip st in first sc—17 ch-4 spaces.

Fasten off. Turn tote upright.

Attach fringe: Wrap yarn 51 times around 10" [25.5 cm] piece of heavy cardboard. Cut wraps at one end of cardboard only, making 51 strands about 20" [51 cm] long. Holding 3 strands together, fold strands in half. Insert crochet hook from right side through one of the ch-4 spaces of the fringe base. Place fold on hook and draw fold through, forming a loop. Thread ends of strands through loop and pull to tighten (one fringe attached). Repeat to attach fringe in every ch-4 space of fringe base.

Knot fringe: Divide each fringe into 2 groups of 3 strands. Holding 3 strands from one fringe and 3 strands from the neighboring fringe together, tie a loose overhand knot. Repeat tying 3 strands of a fringe and 3 strands of its neighboring fringe together all the way around the tote. Trim ends of fringes evenly.

Weave in ends.

Fringe

