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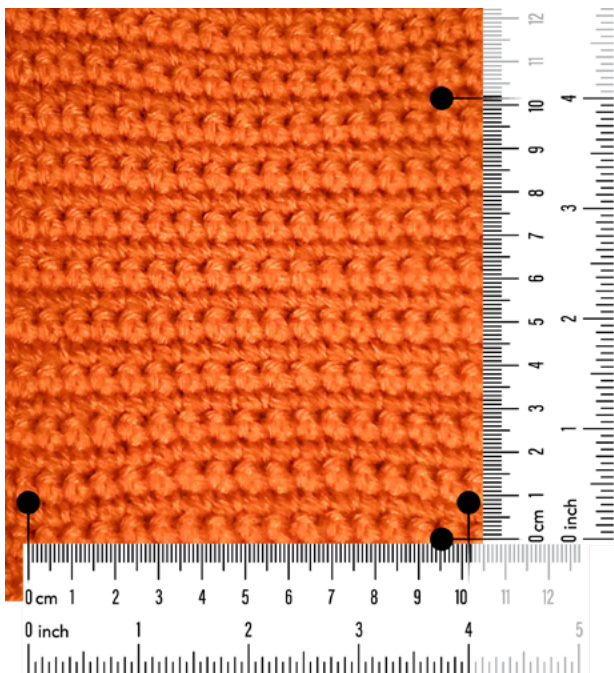# FUN TO MAKE CROCHET CHECKERED TOTE

CROCHET | SKILL LEVEL: **BEGINNER**

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

GAUGE

15 **single crochet** (sc) and 17 rows = 4" [10 cm].

YARN

- **Red Heart® Super Saver® Super Craft Kit™ - 1 Kit**
  Kit includes 12 balls (1.7 oz/50 g; 93 yds/85 m) each; Total (21 oz/600 g; 1116 yds/1020 m)

COLORS

Quantity

- **Contrast A** Soft White
  1 ball or 93 yds/85 m
- **Contrast B** Black
  1 ball or 93 yds/85 m
- **Contrast C** Shocking Pink
  1 ball or 27.5 yds/ 25 m
- **Contrast G** Spring Green
  1 ball or 16.5 yds/15 m
- **Contrast H** Royal
  1 ball or 60 yds/55 m

TOOLS

- Size U.S. 7 (4.5 mm) Susan Bates® Silvalume® crochet hook **or size needed to obtain gauge.**
- Susan Bates® split lock stitch markers.
- Susan Bates® steel yarn needle.
- Tape measure.

INSTRUCTIONS

USING THIS GUIDE

Click on the underlined words throughout the pattern to access our library of helpful tools.

NOTES

- Join each round (rnd) with **slip stitch** (sl st) to first stitch (st).
- To change color, work to last 2 loops on hook and draw new color through last 2 loops, then proceed in new color.
- Carry color not use in across top of work. New stitches will be worked over strand of carrying yarn.

MEASUREMENTS

Approximately (Approx) 12" [24 cm] wide x 9" [23 cm] tall x 3" [7.5 cm] deep, excluding handles.

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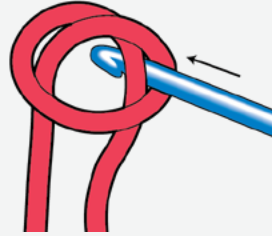
Slip Knot
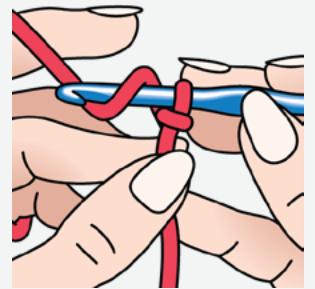*With C, make a loop with yarn and fold it on itself to make a pretzel shape.*

Then draw through to make slip knot.
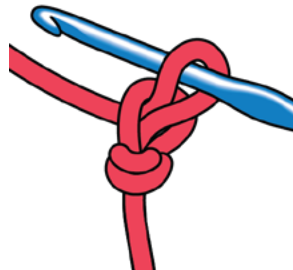
Chain
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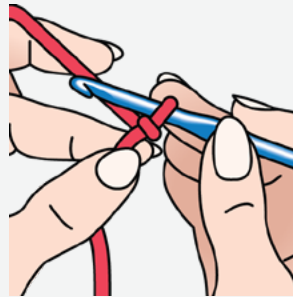
draw through loop – 1 chain made.

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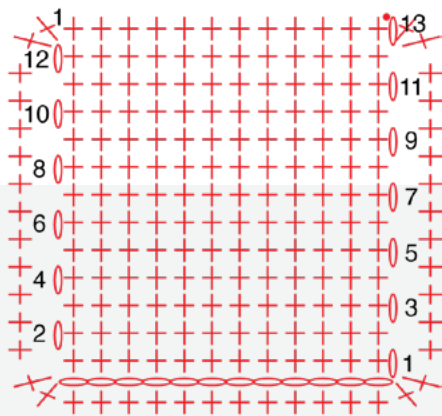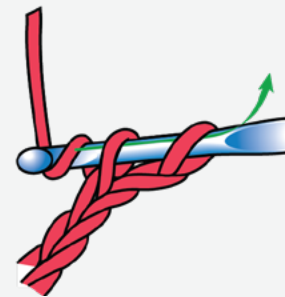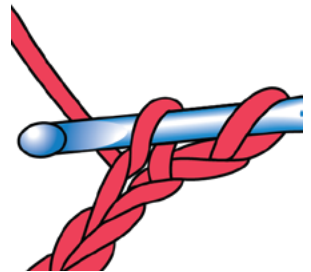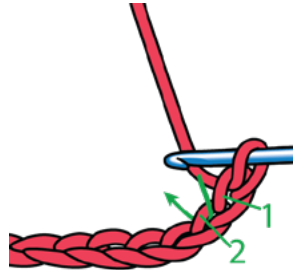**Bottom:** With C, **chain** (ch) 40.
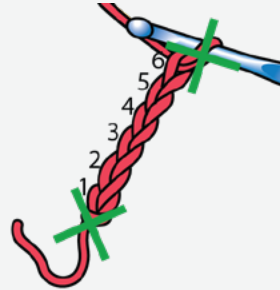
1st row: [Right Side (RS)]. 1 **single crochet** (sc) in 2nd ch from hook (counts as sc).

BORDER

STITCH KEY
◯ = chain (ch)
• = slip stitch (sl st)
+ = single crochet (sc)

REDUCED SAMPLE OF BOTTOM PATTERN

1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 39 sc.

INSTRUCTIONS

2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

Rep last row until work from beg measures 3" [7.5 cm], ending on a RS row.

Do not fasten off. **Do not** turn.

Work around Bottom as follows:
1st rnd: (RS). 2 sc in same space (sp) as last sc for corner.

Work 11 sc evenly spaced along side edge of Bottom to corner. 3 sc in corner (first ch of foundation chain).

1 sc in each of next 37 remaining (rem) loops of foundation chain.

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3 sc in corner (last ch of foundation chain). Work 11 sc evenly spaced along side edge of Bottom to top corner. 2 sc in same sp as first sc. Join with sl st to top of first sc. **Fasten off** C. 108 sc.
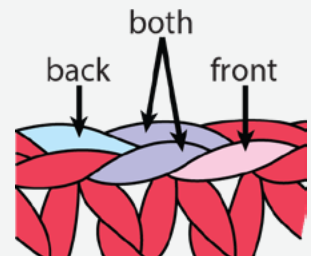
Body of Bag

Notes:
- To change color, work to last 2 loops on hook and draw new color through last 2 loops, then proceed in new color.
- Carry color not in use across top of work. New stitches will be worked **over** strand of carrying yarn.

1st round (rnd): With Right Side (RS) facing, join B with sl st to back loop at any corner sc.

Ch 1. 1 single crochet in back loop only (scbl) in same space (sp) as sl st. 1 scbl in each of next 5 sc (6 sc total). *Join A. **Do not** break B.

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With A, 1 scbl in each of next 6 sc.

Join B. **Do not** break A.

With B, 1 scbl in each of next 6 sc. Repeat (Rep) from * to last 6 sc. Join A. **Do not** break B. With A, 1 scbl in each of last 6 sc. With B, join with sl st to first sc.

2nd rnd: With B, ch 1. *Working in both loops*, 1 sc in same sp as sl st. 1 sc in each of next 5 sc. *Join A. With A, 1 sc in each of next 6 sc. Join B. With B, 1 sc in each of next 6 sc. Rep from * to last 6 sc. Join A. With A, 1 sc in each of last 6 sc. With B, join with sl st to first sc.

INSTRUCTIONS

3rd to 6th rnds: As 2nd rnd 4 times more (6 rnds total). Join in rnd with sl st into back loop only at end of last rnd.

At this point colors will be changed to create Check Pattern (Pat). **Do not** break colors while you continue (cont) in pat.

7th rnd: With A, ch 1. *Working in back loops only*, 1 scbl in same space (sp) as sl st. 1 scbl in each of next 5 sc (6 sc total). *Join B. With B, 1 scbl in each of next 6 sc. Join A. With A, 1 scbl in each of next 6 sc. Rep from * to last 6 sc. Join B. With B, 1 scbl in each of last 6 sc. With A, join with sl st to first sc.

8th rnd: With A, ch 1. *Working in both loops*, 1 sc in same sp as sl st. 1 sc in each of next 5 sc. *Join B. With B, 1 sc in each of next 6 sc. Join A. With A, 1 sc in each of next 6 sc. Rep from * to last 6 sc. Join B. With B, 1 sc in each of last 6 sc. With A, join with sl st to first sc.
9th to 12th rnds: As 8th rnd 4 times more (6 rnds total). Join in rnd with sl st into back loop only at end of last rnd.
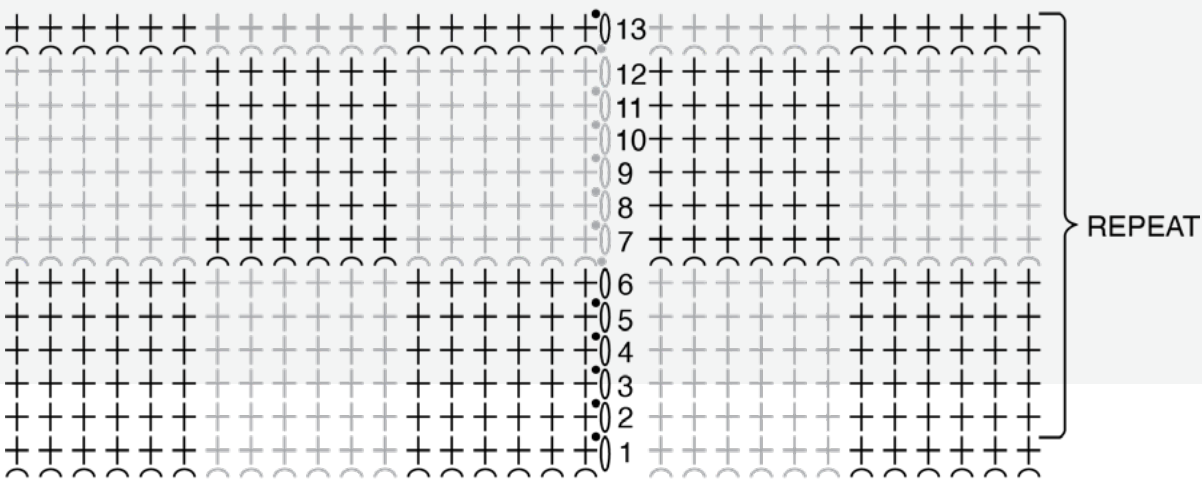
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13th rnd: With B, ch 1. *Working in back loops only*, 1 scbl in same space (sp) as sl st. 1 scbl in each of next 5 sc (6 sc total). *Join A. With A, 1 scbl in each of next 6 sc. Join B. With B, 1 scbl in each of next 6 sc. Repeat (Rep) from * to last 6 sc. Join A. With A, 1 scbl in each of last 6 sc. With B, join with sl st to first sc. Rep 2nd to 13th rnds to form Check Pat.

Cont in Check Pat until all length of A or B has been used, ending with complete rnd. **Fasten off**.

REDUCED SAMPLE OF BODY OF BAG PATTERN

REPEAT

STITCH KEY

⬯ = chain (ch)

• = slip stitch (sl st)

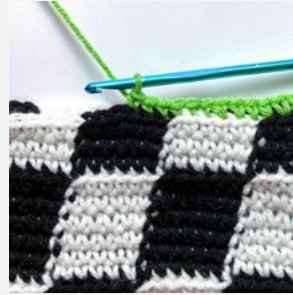+ = single crochet (sc)

⌒ = worked in back loop only

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INSTRUCTIONS

Top Border: 1st rnd: With RS facing, join G with sl st to back loop of first sc. Ch 1. *Working in back loops only*, 1 scbl in same space (sp) as sl st. 1 scbl in each sc around. Join with sl st to back loop of first sc.

2nd rnd: Ch 1. *Working in back loops only*, 1 scbl in same space (sp) as sl st. 1 scbl in each sc around. Join with sl st to back loop of first sc.
3rd rnd: As 2nd rnd. **Fasten off**.

TOP BORDER

STITCH KEY

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INSTRUCTIONS

Handles (make 2)
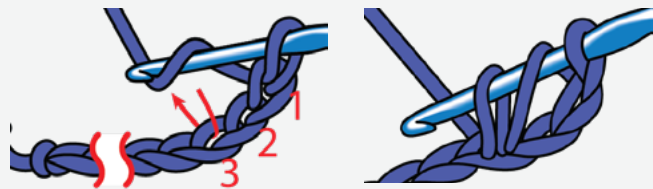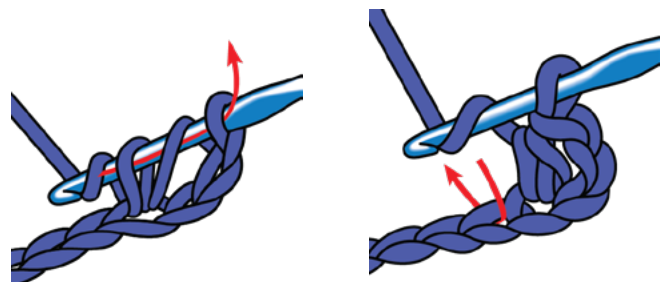**Note:** Ch 2 at beginning (beg) of rows does not count as st.

With H, ch 80.

STITCH KEY

⬭ = chain (ch)

T = half double crochet (hdc)
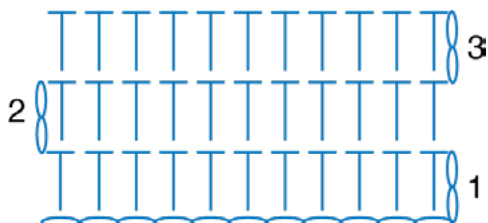
REDUCED SAMPLE OF HANDLE PATTERN

1st row: 1 **half double crochet** (hdc) in 3rd ch from hook.

1 hdc in each ch to end of chain. Turn.

INSTRUCTIONS

2nd row: Ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc to end of row. **Turn**.

3rd row: As 2nd row. **Fasten off**, leaving a long end for sewing.

Place Markers (PM) on 8th st from side edges on foundation ch and last row.

With RS together (tog), fold Handle lengthwise. *Working through both thicknesses* and back loops of last row, join H with sl st to marked sts.
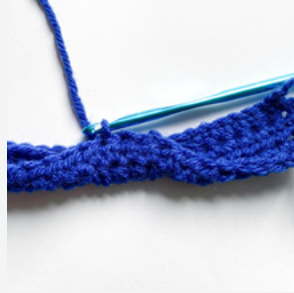
INSTRUCTIONS

Join sides of Handles together (tog) with sl st between markers.

Fold Bag flat. Position Handles 1" [2.5 cm] from sides of Bag. With 2 strands of C, sew handles to RS of Bag using straight cross stitch as shown in picture.

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