## Yarnspirations"

ORED
HEART


CROCHET SKILL LEVEL

EASY

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## What you will need:

RED HEART ${ }^{\circledR}$ Super Saver ${ }^{\circledR}$ : 1 skein 319 Cherry Red

Susan Bates ${ }^{\circledR}$ Crochet Hook: 5.0 mm [US $\mathrm{H}-8$ ]

Yarn needle, stitch markers, stiff cardboard 12" ( 30.5 cm ) long for making Tassel

GAUGE: 16 sc and 18 rows sc = $5^{\prime \prime}(12.5 \mathrm{~cm})$. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

## RED HEART ${ }^{*}$

 Super Saver*, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz ( 198 g ), 364 yds ( 333 m ); Stripes, prints, multis and heathers 5 oz (141 g), 236 yds ( 215 m ); flecks 5 oz (141 g), $260 \mathrm{yds}(238 \mathrm{~m})$ skeins

## Heart Tote Bag

Here's the perfect bag for carrying your lovely yarn projects or to tote the necessities of your day. Crochet it in whatever color you love most, or make it for someone to show your love.

Tote measures approximately 16" (40.5
cm ) across widest part and 14" (35.5
cm ) from bottom center to top of " V ".

## Note

Leave long yarn ends at the beginnings and ends of pieces for sewing sections together later.

## Special Stitches

sc2tog = [draw up a loop in next st] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

## Special Techniques

Join with sc = Make a slip knot and place on hook; insert hook into indicated stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook.

## TOTE

Side (make 2)
Ch 2.
Row 1 (Wrong Side): 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook; turn-3 sc.
Row 2 (Right Side): Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in last sc; turn-5 sc.
Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn5 sc .
Row 4: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc across to last 2 sc, 2 sc in last sc; turn-7 sc.
Row 5: Repeat Row 3-7 sc.
Rows 6-7: Repeat Row 4-11 sc
Rows 8-31: Repeat Rows 5-7-43 sc.
Rows 32-33: Repeat Row 3-43 sc.
Row 34: Repeat Row 4-45 sc.
Rows 35-36: Repeat Row 3-45 sc.
Row 37: Repeat Row 4-47 sc.
Rows 38-45: Repeat Row 3-47 sc.

## Top Right Curve

Row 46: Ch 1, sc in first 23 sc; turn-23 sc.
Row 47: Ch 1, sc2tog (see Special Stitches), sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog; turn-21 sts.

Row 48: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn-21 sc.
Row 49: Repeat Row 47-19 sts
Row 50: Repeat Row 48-19 sc.
Rows 51-55: Repeat Row 47-9 sts. Fasten off.

## Top Left Curve

Row 46 (Right Side): Go back to Row 45; skip next sc on Row 45 and join with sc in next sc (see Special Techniques). Sc across remaining sc of Row 45; turn-23 sc.
Rows 47-55: Repeat Rows 47-55 of Top Right Curve; at end of last row, do not fasten off; turn.

## Edge

Round 1 (Right Side): Ch 1; working 1 sc in each sc or in the side of each row, sc in first 64 sts, 3 sc in back of ch at bottom point, place marker in middle sc of 3 -sc group just made, sc in remaining 85 sts; do not turn-152 sc.
Round 2: Slip st in front loop of each sc around, moving marker to st at center of bottom point-152 sts. Fasten off.

## Gusset

Count 46 sts before and after marked st, place markers in both sts.
Round 1 (Right Side): Join with sc in marked st on left edge of Side; sc in each st around outside up to marked st on right edge of Side; turn-93 sc.
Rounds 2-3: Ch 1, sc in each sc on previous round; turn. At end of last round, fasten off.
continued.


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## Handle (make 2)

Ch 55.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across; turn-54 sc.
Row 2: Slip st in front loop of each sc across; turn-54 sts.
Row 3: Ch 1, sc in remaining back loops of each sc on Row 1; turn-54 sc.
Row 4: Slip st in front loop of each sc across-54 sts. Fasten off.

## Tassel

1. Wrap yarn around cardboard 20 times; cut one end.
2. Tie a long piece of yarn around center of strands and pull strands down away from knot.
3. Wrap a long piece of yarn around piece about $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}(2 \mathrm{~cm})$ down from top. Wrap strand tightly around, going downward until wrapping is about $1^{\prime \prime}$ $(2.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ long, knot ends together and pull to the inside.
4. Trim lower ends of Tassel evenly.
5. Make a chain 15 chs long; fasten off.

## FINISHING

With Right Sides together, sew front and back Sides of Heart together by sewing through both loops of sts on last rounds of Gussets; turn Right Side out. Referring to photo for placement, sew Handles to Tote; wrap ch-15 length around a Handle and sew to top of Tassel.

## ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain(s); cm = centimeters; dc = double crochet(s); g = grams; $\mathbf{m}=$ meters; $\mathbf{m m}=$ millimeters; $\mathbf{o z}=$ ounces; sc = single crochet(s); st(s) = stitch(es) yd = yards; ( ) = work all directions in parentheses in the indicated stitch or space; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ${ }^{* *}$ as indicated


