



# Waves Tote Bag

Designed by Grace Alexander.

**Finished Measurements:** 16" x 14" x 3".

**RED HEART® "Eco-Cotton™ Blend":** 4 balls each 1340 Almond **A**, and 1870 Denim **B**.

**Circular Knitting Needle:** 5.5mm [US 9] 36".  
4 stitch markers (make 1 a different color from others),  
yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 14 sts = 4"; 18 rows = 4" in pattern with 2 strands held together. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

## NOTES

Bag is made with 2 strands of yarn held together throughout.

On Rounds 5 and 9, wrap yarn around the needle the number of times given; for example, for yarn over 3 (yo3), wrap yarn 3 times. These wraps are all dropped on next round.

## BAG

### Base

With two strands **A**, cast on 56 sts.

Work 24 rows in Garter st (k every row). Bind off. Weave in ends.

### Body

**Round 1:** With two strands **B**, pick up and k56 sts along cast on edge, place marker, pick up and k9 sts across nearest short edge, place marker, pick up and k56 sts along bound off edge, place marker, pick up and k9 sts across last short edge, place marker of different color to mark beginning of round—130 sts.

**Round 2:** Purl around.

**Round 3:** Knit around.

**Round 4:** Purl around.

**Round 5:** \* K6, [yo2, k1, yo3, k1, yo4, k1, yo3, k1, yo2, k6] 5 times, slip marker [k1, wrapping yarn twice around needle] 9 times, slip marker; repeat from \* once more.

**Round 6:** Purl, dropping all yo's and double wraps from needle.

**Rounds 7 and 8:** Repeat Rounds 3 and 4.

**Round 9:** \* K1, [yo2, k1, yo3, k1, yo4, k1, yo3, k1, yo2, k6] 5 times, yo2, k1, yo3, k1, yo4, k1, yo3, k1, yo2, k1, slip marker, [k1, wrapping yarn twice around needle] 9 times, slip marker; repeat from \* once more.

**Round 10:** Repeat Round 6.

**Round 11:** Knit around.

**Round 12:** Purl around. Cut **B**, join **A**.

**Rounds 13 - 20:** Repeat Rounds 5 -12. Cut **A**, join **B**.

**Rounds 21 - 52:** [Repeat Rounds 5 -12] 4 times, changing color at end of each repeat.

*Note: Markers can be removed at this point.*

**Dec Round:** With **B**, \* [k6, k2tog] 7 times, k9; repeat from \* once more—116 sts.

**Round 2:** Purl around.

**Round 3:** Knit around.

**Rounds 4 - 9:** Repeat Rounds 2 and 3.

Bind off purlwise. Weave in loose ends.



### HANGLES (make 2)

With 2 strands **A**, cast on 9 sts.

Work 80 rows in Garter st. Bind off.

### FINISHING

Referring to photo, attach one end of handle to second yo pattern in from edge on top pattern repeat and sew securely. Sew other end. Repeat for second end of handle.



**RED HEART® “Eco-Cotton™ Blend”**,  
Art. E749 available in 3 oz (85 g),  
145 yd (132 m) balls.

**ABBREVIATIONS:** **A, B** = color A, B; **k** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **yo(s)** = yarn over(s); \* or \*\* = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.