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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Width: 7 ½"
Length: 18 ½"
Height: 12"

MATERIALS
Premier® Yarns *Everyday® Bulky* (100% Anti-pilling Acrylic; 3.5oz/100g, 87yds/80m)
- #1068-05 Black – 2 balls (A)
- #1068-15 Aqua – 1 ball (B)
- #1068-02 Linen – 3 balls (C)

Hooks: US Size K/10.5 (6.5 mm) crochet hook, US Size J/10 (6 mm) crochet hook, and US Size H/8 (5 mm) crochet hook, *or size needed to obtain gauge*
Notions: Tapestry needle, pompom maker, tassel maker

GAUGE
12 sts x 8 rows = 4" in Basket Weave with 6.5 mm hook
12 sts x 14 rows = 4" in Single crochet with 6 mm hook
Save time, check your gauge.

PATTERN NOTES
You will begin building the tote by crocheting the bottom, then each side panel (4) and attaching to each side of the tote bottom. Then you will sew the sides of the panels together to form the tote.

STITCH GUIDE
Fpdc (front post double crochet): Yo, insert hk from front to back to front around the post of the st and draw yarn through, yo and draw through 2 loops on hk, yo and draw through 2 loops on hk.
Bpdc (back post double crochet): Yo, insert hook from back to front to back around the post of st and draw yarn through, yo and draw through 2 loops on hk, yo and draw through 2 loops on hk.
Mesh stitch: *Ch 1, sk a st, dc next st*; rep from * to end.
Note: When you are crocheting a mesh stitch over another row of mesh stitch, dc into the open mesh space instead of into a st.

TOTE BOTTOM
With medium size (6 mm) crochet hk and A, Ch 46.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hk, sc in each ch across, turn – 45 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.
Rep Row 2, 16 more times. Cut A.
Rnd 19: With B, turn bottom to work along long edge, sc in each st across side (45 sc), ch 1, sc in each st across next side (17 sc), ch 1, sc in each st across next side (45 sc), ch 1, sc in each stitch across next side (17 sc), sl st in 1st sc to join. You should have 127 sts – 124 sc + 3 ch sp.

Basket Weave Mod Tote

Level: Intermediate

SHORT SIDE PANEL (Make 2)

With larger (6.5 mm) crochet hk and B, sl st into the last st on the short side of tote bottom ready to work a WS Row.

Row 1 (WS): Ch 2, dc in each st across (16 dc), dc 1 in chain sp, turn.

Row 2 (RS): Ch 2 (counts as dc here and throughout), *fpdc around each of the next 4 dc, bpdc around each of the next 4 dc, rep from * once more, hdc into last ch sp, turn.

Row 3: Rep Row 2.

Row 4: Ch 2, *bpdc around each next 4 dc, fpdc around each next 4 dc*; rep from * once more, hdc into last ch sp, turn.

Row 5: Rep Row 4.

Rows 6-7: Rep Row 2.

Rows 8-9: Rep Row 4.

Rep Rows 6-7 and Rows 8-9 2 more times (8 more rows). Repeat this again on the other short side panel of tote.

LONG SIDE PANEL (Make 2)

With larger (6.5 mm) crochet hk and B, sl st into the last st on the long side of tote bottom, ready to work a WS Row.

Row 1 (WS): Ch 2, dc in each st across, turn. (45 dc) Cut B. Attach C.

Row 2 (RS): Ch 2, *fpdc around each next 4 dc, bpdc around each next 4 dc*; rep from * across row, ending with 4 **fpdc**, turn.

Row 3: Ch 2, **bpdc** around each next 4 dc, **fpdc** around each next 4 dc, *ch 1, sk a st, dc into next st*; rep from * 3 more times to create a mesh. **Bpdc** around next 4 dc, **mesh st** in next 4 sts, **bpdc** around next 4 dc, **mesh st** in next 8 stitches, **fpdc** around next 4 dc, **bpdc** around next 4 dc, hdc into last ch sp, turn.

Row 4: Ch 2, **bpdc** around next 4 dc, **fpdc** around next 4 dc, mesh st next 4 spaces (into the gaps from previous mesh stitches), bpdc around each next 4 dc, **mesh st** in next 2 spaces, **bpdc** around next 4 dc, **mesh st** next 4 spaces, fpdc around each next dc, **bpdc** around next 4 dc, hdc last ch sp, turn.

Row 5: Ch 2, **fpdc** around next 4 dc, **bpdc** around next 4 dc, **mesh st** in next 4 spaces, **fpdc** around next 4 dc, **mesh st** in next 2 spaces, **fpdc** around next 4 dc, **mesh st** in next 4 spaces, **bpdc** around next 4 dc, **fpdc** around next 4 dc, hdc into last chain st, turn.

Row 6: Repeat Row 5.

Row 7-8: Repeat Row 4.

Row 9-10: Repeat Row 5.

Row 11-12: Repeat Row 4.

Row 13-14: Repeat Row 5.

Row 15-16: Repeat Row 4.

Row 17-18: Repeat Row 5.

Rep these steps once more on the other long side panel of tote.

Once all the sides of the bag are complete, sew sides together to form the tote bag's shape.

TOP EDGING

With medium size (6 mm) crochet hk and A, sl st into the top edge of the tote.
Work in sc in rounds along the top edge of the tote as follows: 3 rnds A, 2 rnds C, 1 rnd B.
Cut yarn and fasten off.

HANDLES

With smaller (5 mm) crochet hk and A , Ch 100.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hk, sc in each ch across, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn. Rep Row 2 4 more times.

Sew long edges together to create a tube which will form the handle. Skip the first 6 stitches on each end to keep those areas flat in order to sew to the inside of the bag.

FINISHING

Sew handles to the inside of the bag and weave in ends.

LOOPED TASSEL

With B and using instructions provided by tassel maker, make a tassel approx. 7'' long, using A to wrap the top of the tassel (use photo as a guide). For the unique looped tassel, don't trim the ends. With A, attach to the tote handle by simply tying it on.

POMPOM

With C and using instructions provided by pompom maker, make a pompom approx. 2'' wide. With A. attach to the tote handle by simply tying it on.

Abbreviations

ch	chain
dc	double crochet
hdc	half double crochet
hk	hook
rep	repeat(ing)
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sc	single crochet
sl st	slip stitch
sk	skip
sp	space
st(s)	stitches
yo	yarn over
WS	wrong side