

## Summer Tote Bag

By Premier Yarns Design Team

Level: Intermediate



### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

**Width:** 19½"

**Height:** 15"

### MATERIALS

**Premier® Yarns Home Cotton** (85% cotton, 15% polyester; 80 gm/140 yds)

- #38-07 Cranberry (A) – 1 ball
- #38-01 White (C) – 1 balls
- #38-19 Navy Blue (D) – 2 balls

**Premier® Yarns Home Cotton Multi** (85% cotton, 15% polyester; 60 gm/105 yds)

- #44-04 America (B) – 2 balls

**Hook:** US Size I-9 (5.5 mm) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

**Notions:** Tapestry needle

### GAUGE

Finished Motif = 6½" across from side to side  
Save time, check your gauge.

### STITCH GUIDE

#### Hexagonal Motif

With A, ch 6, join with sl st to form a ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 3 (counts as 1st dc throughout), dc2tog into ring, [ch 3, dc3tog into ring] 5 times, ch 3, join with sl st in top of beg ch 3 – 6 ch-3 sps. Cut A.

**Rnd 2:** Join B with sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3, (dc2tog, ch 3, dc3tog) in same sp, [(ch 3, dc3tog, ch 3, dc3tog) in next 5 ch-3 sps, ch 3, join with sl st to top of beg ch-3 – 12 ch-3 sps. Cut B.

**Rnd 3:** Join C with sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3, (dc2tog, ch 3, dc3tog) in same sp (corner made), [ch 3, dc3tog in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, (dc3tog, ch 3, dc3tog) in next ch-3 sp] 5 times, ch 3, dc3tog in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 – 18 ch-3 sps. Cut C.

**Rnd 4:** Join D with sl st in any corner ch-3 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in same sp, [3 dc in each of next 2 ch-3 sps, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp] 5 times, 3 dc in each of next 2 ch-3 sps, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

### TOTE BAG

Make 15 Hexagonal Motifs.

**Strap** - make 2

With A, ch 101.

**Row 1:** Sc in second chain from the hook and in each ch to end - 100 sc. Cut A and fasten off.

**Rnd 2:** Join B with sl st, ch 1, sc in next 100 sc, ch 1, sc in side of last color A sc, ch 1, sc across the bottom of the foundation ch, ch 1, sc in side of last color A sc, ch 1, join with sl st in first color B sc - 202 sc. Cut B and fasten off.

**Rnd 3:** Join C with sl st in first sc of Rnd 2, ch 1, sc in next 100 sc, ch 1, 2 sc in sc at end of strap, ch 1, sc in next 100 sc, ch 1, 2 sc in sc at end of strap, ch 1, join with sl st in first sc of the round - 204 sc. Cut C and fasten off.

**Rnd 4:** Join D with sl st in first sc of Rnd 3, ch 1, sc in next 100 sc, ch 1, sc 2 in each of 2 scs at end of strap, ch 1, sc in next 100 sc, ch 1, sc 2 in each of 2 scs at end of strap, ch 1, join with sl st in first sc of the round - 208 sc. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Arrange Motifs as shown in diagram and sew them together using tapestry needle. Fold along dotted fold lines in diagram and sew remaining seams.

Sew a strap to each side of bag, positioning the ends of the strap at either side of the center hexagon motif in the top row.

Weave in ends.

## Abbreviations

**beg** beginning

**ch** chain

**dc** double crochet

**dc2tog** double crochet 2 sts together

**dc3tog** double crochet 3 sts together

**hk** hook

**rep** repeat

**rnd** round

**sl st** slip stitch

**sp** space

**sts** stitches

