

PATCHWORK TOTE

1980s Crochet Pattern

~Versatile Tote Bag~



Carry your current crochet project around with pride in this pretty and versatile tote bag. This pattern makes fine use of odds and ends of yarn left from previous projects.

MATERIALS:

Worsted weight yarn - small amounts of assorted colors and 4 oz white

H/8 (5.5mm) crochet hook
15" by 22" piece of materials

Sewing thread and needle

GAUGE:

Each square (color) = 2 1/2" by 2 1/2"
4sc = 1"

SIZE: 10 1/2" by 14" not counting straps.

STRIP OF SQUARES (make 6)

NOTE: *Each strip has 5 colors with 10 rows for each color.*

Change color after each set of 10 rows.

Row 1: Ch11, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 9ch, ch1, turn. (10sc)

Rows 2-10: Sc across, ch1, turn, change colors after each 10 rows.

When a total of 5 color squares have been worked, fasten off yarn.

Joining Strips (front side):

Join white with sc in corner, sc

across one long side in ends of each row. (50sc)

2nd Strip: With white, sc along one side. (50sc) Weave first and 2nd strips together.

To weave strips, hold strips together, sew together by picking up 2 inside loops on first sc, on next sc pick up 2 outside loops, * pick up 2 inside loops, pick up 2 outside loops, rep from * across.

Sc along other long side of 2nd strip and along long side of 3rd strip, then weave 2nd and 3rd strips together as before. Front panel of bag is completed.

Make 3 more strips of colored squares and assemble as before for back panel of bag.

Working in each sc and row end with white, sc down one side of front panel (35sc), across bottom (50sc), 1sc in corner, 34 sc up other side, fasten off. (12sc total)

Work the same for back panel.

SIDE STRIP

(12 colors and squares)

Row 1: Ch6, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4ch, ch1, turn. (5sc)

Rows 2-10: Sc across, ch1, turn.

Change colors after each 10 rows, fasten off yarn after 12th color square. (120 rows total)

With white sc along one long side, fasten off. (120sc) Repeat for

other long side.

Weave (sew) side strip to side, bottom and opposite side of front, repeat for back

Top Trim: With white,*1sc in next 2 row ends, ch2, sc in same place as last sc, rep from * around, sl st to first sc, fasten off.

STRAPS

(make two)

Row 1: With white ch76, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc across, fasten off. (75sc)

Row 2: With any new color (Color 1), sc across, fasten off.

Row 3: With any new color (Color 2), sc across, fasten off.

Row 4: With Color 1, sc across, fasten off.

Row 5: With white, sc across, turn.

Row 6: Sl st across, fasten off.

PLACING STRAPS

Sew straps between first and second squares and between last 2 squares. Place edge of strap about 1 1/2" from edge of bag. Sew in place.

LINING

With right sides facing, sew side seams (3/8" seam). Both sides: with right sides facing, sew top-down about 1/2". Place lining in bag and hand sew in place just under top trim. ▲

STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

beg.....	begin(ing)
ch.....	chain
dc.....	double crochet
dec.....	decrease
dtr.....	double treble crochet
hdc.....	half double crochet
".....	inch(es)
inc.....	increase
lp(s).....	loop(s)
rem.....	remain(ing)
rep.....	repeat
rnd(s).....	round(s)
sc.....	single crochet
sk.....	skip
sl st.....	slip stitch
sp(s).....	space(s)
st(s).....	stitch(es)
tog.....	together
tr.....	treble crochet
trtr.....	treble treble crochet
yo.....	yarn over
MC.....	main color
CC.....	contrasting color