

Grocery Tote Bag

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This bag works up quickly and stretches upwards to hold a large amount of items. Make yourself several and carry in your car for shopping trips and help the environment.



Materials:

4 ply cotton yarn, 1 lb cone

Using a 1 lb cone ensures there is no joining of yarn in the mesh part of the bag. The 1 lb cone will make 2 bags.

Crochet Hook size H

Ch 40

Row 1: hdc in second ch from hook and in each ch across.

Row 2: ch 2 (counts as 1st hdc), hdc in each hdc across.

Row 3-18: repeat Row 2

At end of Row 18 DO NOT turn, you will now be working in rounds to work the sides of the bag.

Rnd 1: ch 3, working around 1st side work 1 dc in end of each row and each hdc around. Join with sl st to top beg of ch 3. There will be 18 dc along each side.

Rnd 2: ch 3, dc in each dc around. Join with sl st to top of beg ch 3.

Rnd 3: ch 1, sc in same sp as joining, (ch 3, sk 2 dc, sc in dc) repeat around, join the last ch 3 to beg sc with sl st.

Rnd 4: ch 1, sc in same sp as joining, mark sc as the beg of rnd, (ch 3, sc in next ch 3 sp) repeat around to last ch 3 sp, in last ch 3 sp, sc, sl st to beg sc. There will be 39 ch 3 spaces.

Repeat Rnd 4 until piece measures about 12"

Next rnd: sc in same sp as joining (2 sc in next ch 3 sp, sc in next sc) repeat around, join with sl st to top of beg sc.

Next rnd: ch 2, hdc in each sc around join with sl st to top of ch 2.

Next rnd: ch 2, hdc in each hdc around, join with sl st to top of ch 2, finish off.

Handles (make 2)

Ch 4

Row 1: hdc in each ch across

Row 2-25: hdc in each sc across

Using the picture for placement of handle join with sc to top of wide side of bag, placing the handle so there is a space in the center of the bag. Repeat for other side of bag.

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