Mini Tote Bag

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Materials:

4 ply cotton yarn   1 - 2.5 oz balls of solid
4 – 2 oz balls of variegated   Crochet Hook size I
Yarn Needle

Bottom

With variegated yarn ch 30.
Row 1: sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across (29 sc)
Row 2-22: ch 1turn, sc in each sc across.
At end of row 22 fasten off.

Sides

Row 1: Attach variegated yard with sl st to end of row on one side, work hdc in same space as joining and work 19 more hdc along end.
Row 2-27: ch 1 turn, hdc in each hdc across.
At end of row 27, fasten off.
Repeat for the other side.

Front and Back

Row 1: With variegated yarn attach with a sl st to 1st stitch along the row and working in back loop only for this row, hdc in same space and joining and in each stitch across. (29 hdc)
Row 2-27: ch 1 turn, hdc in each hdc across.
On last row mark stitches as follows for handle placement.
Skip 1st 7 stitches, place marker in next stitch, skip next 2 stitches and place marker in next stitch, Skip next 7 and place marker in next stitch, skip next 2 stitches and place marker in next stitch.
Repeat for other side.

Handles (Make 2)

With solid color Ch 5
Row 1: sk 1st ch and sc in each ch across (4 sc)
Row 2-112: ch 1 turn, sc in each ch across.
Fasten off.

Handle Placement

Now with bag laying flat place handles and align with the two sets of markers. Tack down with along all 4 sides of the handle. Make sure not to stitch over the top row, so a border can be placed around the top edge.
Fold the top part of the handle (away from outside) in half and whip stitch together.
Repeat for other side.

Side Seams

With solid color and starting at bottom corner, sc side and front together on the outside of the bag, at the end of the last side joining, do not fasten off.
Work reverse sc around the top of the bag, working 1 reverse sc in each corner, turn and join with a sl st. Fasten off.

Bottom Trim

Attach solid color to bottom of bag edge in the front loop of front of bag. Sc around entire outside bottom of the bag, join with a sl st.
Pull all loose ends to inside of bag and weave in.