

easy breezy tote

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what you'll need

YARN

AUNT LYDIA'S *Beadies Crochet*, 1.76oz/50g balls, each approx 66yd/60m (acrylic/polyester)

□ 8 balls #0038 Surfer

CROCHET HOOK

□ Size G/6 (4 mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- 2 leather purse straps, 32"/81.5cm x ¾"/2cm (see note #2)
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle
- Small amount of solid yarn or cord for sewing handle



Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch chain
sc single crochet
sl st slip stitch



SKILL LEVEL: beginner

finished measurements

Approx 15"/38cm wide x 13"/33cm long

gauge

18 sc and 18 rows = 4"/10cm using size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch

Ch 19.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across – 18 sc.

Rows 2-18 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4" x 4"/10 x 10 cm. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

note

1 Tote Bag is worked in continuous rounds; do not join or turn at the end of rounds. Place a marker at the beginning of each round and move the marker as each round is completed.

2 For the handles, we used a strap set which includes leather "keepers" that are sewn on the inside of the bag for extra

tip

It's easy to make a taller or shorter bag—simply repeat Round 2 more or fewer times. To make a wider or narrower bag, just start with a longer or shorter foundation chain.

reinforcement. Available at BasketsofJoy.com

TOTE

Ch 136; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring. Take care to not twist the ch when joining. Place marker on first ch.

Round 1 (right side) Sc in each ch around; do not join – 136 sc.

Round 2 Sc in each sc around; do not join.

Repeat Round 2 until piece measures 13"/33cm. Work one sl st in next sc and fasten off.

finishing

From wrong side, sew bottom seam. From wrong side, sew ends of handles to top of Tote,

approx 3"/7.5cm from side edges. Turn Tote right-side out.

Weave in ends. ■