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Potluck Carrier

Carry your delicious dishes in this sturdy bag with scalloped trim and show off your cooking *and* crochet talents!

BY MARGIE DOUGHERTY

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver Chunky, 6oz/170g balls, each approx 207yd/189m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #656 Teal (A)
- 1 skein #311 White (B)
- 1 skein #319 Cherry Red (C)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Sewing needle and thread to match B and C
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **EASY**



Super Saver Chunky in Cherry Red



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Diameter at base 8"/20.5cm
Diameter at widest point 9.5"/24cm
Height 8"/20.5cm

GAUGE

12 sts and 12 rows = 4"/10cm over single crochet.
Remember to check gauge for best results!



Tip The bag has a double base layer to keep both your dish and table safe.

PHOTOGRAPH BY NICOLE HILL GERULAT; STYLING BY MALLORY ULLMAN

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 13.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—12 sc.

Rows 2–12 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4" x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

- 1 Carrier is designed to fit a 2–3 quart round casserole dish with handles, that measures approx 9–10"/23–25.5cm diameter and 4.5"/11.5cm tall.
- 2 Carrier is worked in joined rounds from base up to top edge. Work with RS facing at all times.
- 3 For added strength, the base is double-layered by crocheting two Base Circles together. Sides are then worked in a single layer from the base up to the top edge, with openings for the casserole dish and Carrier Handles.
- 4 The Shell Edging and applique Hearts are worked separately and sewn to the Casserole Carrier.

CARRIER

Base Circle (Make 2)

With A, ch 2.

Round 1 (RS) Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with sl st in first sc—6 sc.

Note Work first st(s) of each round into the same st as the joining sl st.

Round 2 Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc—12 sc.

Round 3 Ch 1, [sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc—18 sc.

Round 4 Ch 1, [sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc—24 sc.

Round 5 Ch 1, [sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc—30 sc.

Round 6 Ch 1, [sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc—36 sc.

Round 7 Ch 1, [sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc—42 sc.

Round 8 Ch 1, [sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc—48 sc.

Round 9 Ch 1, [sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc—54 sc.

Round 10 Ch 1, [sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc—60 sc.

Round 11 Ch 1, [sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc—66 sc. Fasten off first base circle. Do not fasten off 2nd base circle.

Round 12 (Joining round) Hold both base circles with WS together and stitches matching; ch 1, working through both thicknesses, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Sides

Round 13 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 14 Ch 1, [sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 11 times; join with sl st in first sc—77 sc.

Rounds 15–18 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 19 Ch 1, [sc in next 10 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 7 times; join with sl st in first sc—84 sc.

Round 20 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 21 Ch 1, [sc in next 13 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc—90 sc.

Round 22 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Openings for Casserole Dish Handles

Round 23 Ch 1, sc in next st, ch 12, sk next 12 sts, sc in next 33 sts, ch 12, sk next 12 sts, sc in next 32 sts; join with sl st in first sc—66 sc, and 2 ch-12 sps.

Round 24 Ch 1, sc in next st, work 12 sc in next ch-12 sp, sc in next 33 sts, work 12 sc in next ch-12 sp, sc in next 32 sts; join with sl st in first sc—90 sc.

Rounds 25–27 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Shape Top

Round 28 Ch 1, [sk next st, sc in next 9 sts] 9 times; join with sl st in first sc—81 sc.

Rounds 29 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 30 Ch 1, [sk next st, sc in next 8 sts] 9 times; join with sl st in first sc—72 sc. Fasten off.

Openings for Carrier Handles

Round 31 Join B with sc in first st, sc in next 18 sts, ch 1, sk next 12 sts, sc in next 24 sts, ch 12, sk next 12 sts, sc in next 5 sts; join with

sl st in first sc—48 sc, and 2 ch-12 sps.

Round 32 Ch 1, sc in next 19 sts, work 12 sc in next ch-12 sp, sc in next 24 sts, work 12 sc in next ch-12 sp, sc in next 5 sts; join with sl st in first sc—72 sc.

Rounds 33–35 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Carrier Handle Edging

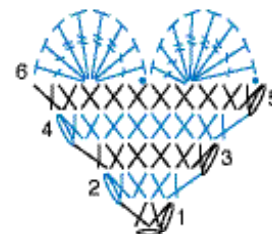
Join B with sc in carrier handle opening, work sc evenly spaced all the way around edge of opening; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Repeat around edge of other carrier handle opening.

SHELL EDGING

With B, ch 84. Taking care not to twist ch, sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 1, beginning in same ch as join, *sc in next ch, ch 1, sk next ch; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—42 sc, and 42 ch-1 sps.

Round 2 Ch 3 (counts as first dc), 4 dc in first sc (first shell made), sk next ch-1 sp, sk next sc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, sk next sc, sk next ch-1 sp, *5 dc in next sc (shell made), sk next ch-1 sp, sk next sc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, sk next sc, sk next ch-1 sp; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—14 shells.



HEART

Fasten off.

HEART

(Make 2)

With C, ch 2.

Row 1 Work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook—2 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in each sc across—4 sc.

Rows 3–5 Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—10 sc at the end of Row 5.

Row 6 Turn, sk first 2 sc, (2 dc, 4 tr, 2 dc) in next sc, sk next sc, sl st in next sc, sk next sc, (2 dc, 4 tr, 2 dc) in next sc, sk next 2 sc, sl st in last sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. With sewing needle and double thread that matches B, sew the Shell Edging around Carrier, directly below the Handle Openings. With doubled thread that matches C, sew one Heart to each side of carrier, as shown in photo. 🌟

Margie's Scalloped Potatoes

Our designer offered up her favorite potluck recipe—it's tasty!

SERVES
6-8

INGREDIENTS

- 4–5 cups thinly sliced potatoes
- 2 Tbsp flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 Tbsp paprika
- 3 Tbsp butter, cut in small chunks
- 2 cups scalded milk (add 1 peeled garlic clove before heating)
- 1½ to 2 cups shredded cheese

In buttered 3-qt baking dish, layer ⅓ of the potatoes.

In a small bowl, combine flour with salt and paprika. Sprinkle half the flour mixture over the potatoes, cover with ½ cup grated cheese, dot with ⅓ of the butter.

Repeat with another layer of potatoes and the rest of the flour mixture.

Dot with ⅓ of the butter and ½ cup cheese. Top with remaining potato slices.

Dot with remaining butter, then pour hot milk over potatoes, removing garlic clove first.

Cover dish and bake at 400° for 45 minutes.

Uncover; sprinkle remaining cheese over the top.

Return to oven and bake, uncovered, for 15 more minutes or until potatoes are tender and cheese is melted.



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