

Crochet a Tote Bag

HOW TO CREATE A SIMPLE PROJECT BAG



Worked in Bernat Cotton-ish in a lemon twill color, this Sunny Days Market Bag will satisfy your need to make a simple crochet pattern. This tote is a nice crochet design that will hold all your favorites the next time you go to the farmer's market. Measuring approximately 13 inches wide by 15 inches long (33.02cm x 38.1cm) (excluding handle), you can shop 'til you drop. If you bring one essential while shopping for groceries, aside from your list, this crocheted bag is it. The lemony color is nice and springy which will make your browsing experience a bright one.

Difficulty Level Easy

Crochet Hook G/6 or 4 mm hook

Yarn Weight (3) Light/DK (21-24 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- Bernat® Cotton-ish™ by Vickie Howell (70 g/2.4 oz; 258 m/282 yds)
 - Lemon Twill (85620) 1 ball
- Size 4 mm (U.S. G/6) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge.

Gauge:

16 sc and 18 rows = 4" [10 cm].

Abbreviations:

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Approx = Approximately

Beg = Beginning

Ch(s) = Chain(s)

Dc = Double crochet

Rep = Repeat(s)

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

RS = Right side

Sc = Single crochet

Sl st = Slip stitch

Sp(s) = Space(s)

Tog = Together

Instructions:

Beg at Base, ch 100. Join in ring.

1st rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each ch around. Join. 100 sc.

2nd rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last sl st. *Ch 5. Miss next 3 sc. 1 sc in next sc.

Rep from * around, ending with ch 2. 1 dc in first sc.

3rd rnd: *Ch 5. 1 sc in next ch-5 sp.

Rep from * around, ending with ch 2. 1 dc in last dc.

Rep last rnd for 14 1/2" [37 cm].

Next rnd: Sl st in next ch-5 sp. Ch 1. 3 sc in same sp. *1 sc in next sc. 3 sc in next ch-5 sp. Rep from * , ending with: 1 sc in next sc. 2 sc in next ch-2 sp. 1 sc in last dc.

Join. 102 sc.

Next 2 rnds: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join. Fasten off at end of last rnd. Fold Bag flat, sew bottom seam and mark center 14 sc at sides.

Strap

1st Half: **1st row: (RS). Join yarn with sl st at marked sc. Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp. 1 sc in each of next 13 sc. Turn. 14 sc.

2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn. Rep last row for 14" [35.5 cm].

Fasten off.**

2nd Half: Working on opposite side of Bag, rep from ** to **.

Do not fasten off.

Join Halves: Place RS of Halves tog. Working through both thicknesses, work 1 row of sc across final rows to join. Fasten off.