



The Oversized Tote is a versatile design, that is easy to follow, and easy to customize. It can be made in any color that you like, and can be used with or without the ribbon trim, or with any other embellishment that you desire.

FINISHED SIZE

17"wide x 12"high/43cm x 31cm (excluding handle)

YOU WILL NEED

600yd/548 of worsted weight yarn in alabaster

Hook: 6mmn/J-10

Yarn needle

2 plastic hoop handles, 5 1/2" /14cm diameter

1yd/.9m square of felt (optional) for lining

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch)

Half double crochet (hdc)

Double crochet (dc)

Slip stitch (sc)

GAUGE

11 dc = 4"/10cm

5 rows = 4"/10cm

PATTERN NOTES

Double crochet stitches are worked in the spaces between stitches, not in the tops of stitches. The last space is between the last stitch and the beginning chain of the previous row.

THE BAG

Ch 45.

Row 1: Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across (43 hdc).

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), turn. *skip next space between sts, 2 dc in next space between sts; repeat from * across to last space, skip last space, dc in top of beginning ch-2

Rows 3-37: Ch 3, turn, *skip next space between sts, 2 dc in next space between sts; repeat from * across to last space, skip last space, dc in top of beginning ch-3.

Row 38: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each dc across (44 hdc.)

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Lay tote rectangle on top of felt on a flat surface. Trace around tote rectangle. Remove tote rectangle, measure 1/2 inch/1cm in from each edge of the felt, and cut out felt rectangle.



Lay felt rectangle centered on top of tote rectangle. About 1/2 inch/1cm of the tote rectangle should extend past the edges of the felt rectangle (as pictured above).



Carefully, whipstitch edges of felt lining to tote rectangle. Make sure that the stitches do not show on the front of the tote rectangle.



Fold tote rectangle in half, bringing shorter edges together at the top. Leaving 5"/13cm open, whipstitch side seams together.



Carefully, and securely, stitch the open edge of the bag body to the handle, by sewing around the handle, as pictured above.

Repeat, for the other handle.

Weave in all yarn ends.





Your finished project can be embellished according to your own taste. To achieve this look, tie a length of ribbon into a bow, and using this photo as your guide, whipstitch the bow in place.

ENJOY!!!

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-a simple crochet pattern



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