

SIMPLY A MARKET TOTE



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The "Simply a Market Tote" pattern is the foundational bag making pattern in the "Simply" series of crochet patterns. This series is a collection of structurally, very basic designs that were created for four simple purposes.

1. To enable **BEGINNERS** to create aesthetically & functionally high-end designs that are simplistic in principle, with minimal skill requirements.
2. To enable **KNITTERS** to cross over & easily access crochet in a clear, uncluttered, and uncomplicated format.
3. To take **ADVANCED** and **INTERMEDIATE** crocheters into a highly prolific space, by providing an arsenal of well designed, easy, go-to patterns.
4. To create a landscape where all 3 groups can learn foundational structures - where the process has been pared down, enabling you to easily create your own designs & patterns based on these simplistic foundations and techniques.

#### **YOU WILL NEED**

- 325yd/297m of bulky weight yarn in the color of your choice, for the body (A)
- 60 yd/55m in the color of your choice for the handles (B)
- Hook: 5mm/H-8 or size needed to obtain gauge
- Yarn needle

#### **STITCHES USED**

- Chain (ch)
- Half double crochet (hdc)
- Single crochet (sc)
- Slip stitch (sl st)

#### **GAUGE**

- 12hdc=4"/10cm
- 9 rows =4"/10cm

### **BAG BODY**

With Yarn (A), ch 47

**Row 1:** Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across (45 hdc)

**Row 2:** Ch 2, turn, hdc in each hdc across.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures about 23"/58cm. Fasten off, leaving a 24"/61cm end for seaming.

### **HANDLE (MAKE 2)**

With Yarn (B), ch 7

**Row 1:** Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across (5 hdc)

**Row 2:** Ch 2, turn, hdc in each hdc across.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures about 17"/44cm. Fasten off, leaving a 12"/31cm end for sewing.

### **FINISHING**

Fold bag rectangle in half, bringing first row to meet last row. The sides of the bag are formed by the folded edge and where the first and last rows meet. Using Yarn A, whipstitch the bottom seam and sideseam.

To attach the handles, using Yarn B whipstitch the ends of the first handle to the front of the bag, approximately 2"/3cm in from each side edge, and 2"/3cm down from the top edge. Continue to stitch around the attached area until the handle is securely attached. Repeat on the back side for the second handle.

Weave in all yarn ends.