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Contemporary Crochet Patterns

THE KAYA COTTON TOTE

Crochet Pattern by Ruby Webbs



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Warmest Wishes,
Joni

Yarn: *Hobby Lobby Yarn Bee Cotton XXL*, 3.5 oz/100 g, 50 yds/46 m (this is a very thick bulky weight yarn that feels more like a superbulky, size 6)

*Other yarns that will work well with this pattern: *Lion Brand Wool-Ease Thick and Quick* or *Lion Brand Hometown USA*

Small Bag

.approximately 175 (4 skeins) yards of one color (I used the color White) without interior pocket and 200 (4 skeins) yards with interior pocket

Large Bag

.Main Color (I used the color Shale): approximately 205 yards (4-5 skeins)

.Contrasting Color (I used the color Almond): approximately 120 yards (3 skeins) without interior pocket, 160 (4 skeins) yards with the interior pocket

Terminology: American (pattern written in English)

Skill Level: Easy

Gauge: With a K/6.5 mm crochet hook, 5 sc x 5 rows = 2"

Materials for Making the Bag

- US K (6.5 mm) crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 6 stitch markers

Materials for Making the Leather Straps

- Leather straps

Small Bag - 2 strips of leather that measure 1" x 28" or one long strip of leather cut into 2 strips that measure 1" x 28"

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07KX8R1VH/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o04_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1

Large Bag - 2 strips of leather that measure 1" x 36" or one long strip of leather cut into 2 strips that measure 1" x 36"

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B01BIBQH42/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1

- Leather Hole Punch

- 8 leather screws and studs - https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B077PVNPDZ/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o03_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1

- Measuring tape

Approximate Sizing

Small Bag: 11" tall x 12" wide in the middle

Large Bag: 13.5" tall x 17" wide in the middle



Stitch Guide and Abbreviations

Single Crochet (sc): insert hook into the next stitch, yarn over, pull through work (2 loops on hook), yarn over and pull through 2 loops

Half-Double Crochet (hdc): yarn over, insert hook into the next stitch, yarn over and pull through work, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops

Pattern Notes

This cotton tote can be made in 2 sizes, a medium tote in a solid color and large tote in two contrasting colors. The pattern is written for both sizes with instructions for each size in parenthesis, for example: (Medium, Large). Refer to the stitch guide in the pattern as needed. The bottom of the bag is made first in rows. The remainder of the tote is worked in the round. **Throughout the pattern, the chain 1 at the beginning of each row and round DOES NOT count as a stitch. At the end of each round, slip stitch in the first stitch to join.**

The Pattern

With a K/6.5 mm crochet hook and Main Color, chain (21, 29), turn

Row 1: sc in the second chain from hook and in each chain to the end of the row, turn (20, 28)

Row 2: chain 1, sc in the same stitch and in each stitch to the end of the row, turn (20, 28)

Rows 3 - 5 (Medium bag only): repeat row 2

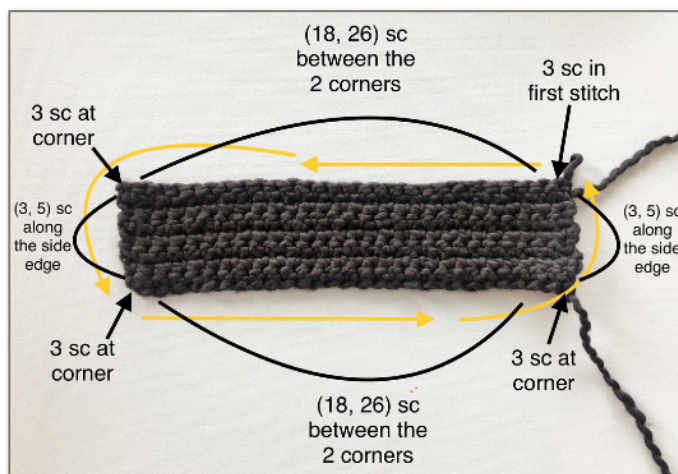
At the end of row 5 the piece should measure about 2" x 9". DO NOT fasten off. See instructions below for working in the round.

Rows 3 - 7 (Large bag only): repeat row 2

At the end of row 7 the piece should measure about 3" x 12". DO NOT fasten off. See instructions below for working in the round.

Working in the Round (See photo to right)

Round 1: chain 1, 3 sc in the same stitch, sc in each stitch until one stitch remains at the end of the row, 3 sc in the last stitch, work (3, 5) sc evenly along the side edge, 3 sc in the corner stitch, sc in each stitch along the foundation row until 1 stitch remains, work 3 sc at the corner, work (3, 5) sc evenly along the other side edge, slip stitch in the top of the first stitch to join (54, 74)



The photo below shows what the piece should look like at the end of round 1.

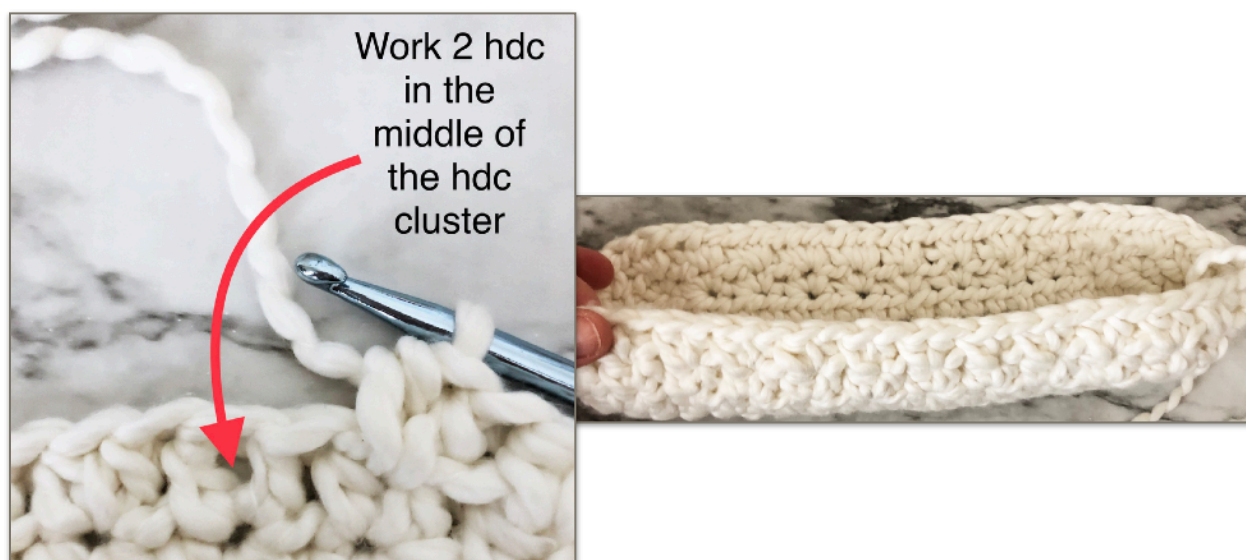


Round 2: chain 1, skip the first stitch, 2 hdc in the next stitch, {skip the next stitch, 2 hdc in the next stitch} repeat around the entire piece, slip stitch in the first stitch to join (54, 74)

The photo below shows what the piece should look like at the end of round 2.



Round 3 (see photo below): chain 1, 2 hdc in the middle of the first hdc cluster, {2 hdc in the middle of the next hdc cluster} repeat around, slip stitch in the first stitch to join (54, 74)



Rounds 4 - 16 (small bag only): repeat round 3
At the end of round 16, DO NOT fasten off. See instructions below for making the holes for the straps.

Rounds 4 - 14 (large bag only): repeat round 3

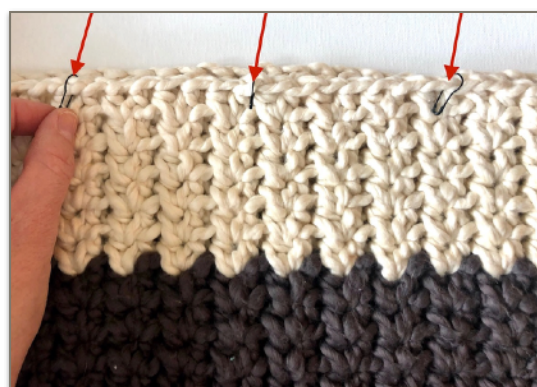
Rounds 15 - 20 (large bag only): with Contrasting Color, repeat round 3

At the end of round 20, DO NOT fasten off. See instructions below for making the holes for the straps.



Making the Holes for the Straps

At the end of round (16, 20) remove your hook from your work but DO NOT fasten off. Lay the bag flat with the right side facing. Using a tape measure, locate and place a stitch marker at the center point along the top edge of the bag. For example, my medium bag measures 12" wide at the top and my large bag measures 17" wide at the top. The center point for my medium bag is 6". The center point for my large bag is 8.5". Place another stitch marker in the (fifth, seventh) stitch to the right of the center stitch marker. Place another stitch marker in the (fifth, seventh) stitch to the left of the center stitch marker. Repeat instructions for the back of the bag. Remove the center stitch markers on the front and back of the bag. DO NOT remove the other 4 stitch markers. Insert your hook back into your work. The remainder of the bag is made in a continuous round. DO NOT chain 1 at the beginning of each round. DO NOT join at the end of each round. Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round.



Round 1 (making the holes for the leather straps): {sc in each stitch until one stitch remains before the stitch marker, skip 3 stitches, sc in the next stitch and in each stitch until 1 stitch remains before the next stitch marker, skip 3 stitches, sc in the next stitch} 2 times, sc in each stitch to the end of the round (42, 62)

At the end of round 1 you should have 2 holes on the front of your bag and 2 holes on the back of your bag.

Round 2: sc in each stitch around

Round 3: repeat round 2

At the end of round 3, slip stitch in the next 2 stitches. Fasten off leaving a 4" - 6" tail for weaving in. See strap instructions below.



Leather Straps

For the medium bag each strap should measure 1" wide x 28" long. For the large bag each strap should measure 1" wide x 36" long. Lay one end of the strap flat with the wrong side facing. Using a measuring tape and starting at one end of the strap, mark a point in the center with a pencil at .5", 1.5", 4.5", and 5.5". Using your leather hole punch, make a hole at each point. Repeat instructions for the other end of the strap. Repeat instructions for the other strap. You should have 4 holes at the end of each strap.



See the step by step photo tutorial on the next page for attaching the straps to the bag .



Interior Pocket (optional)

With a K/6.5 mm hook and matching yarn, chain 19, turn

Row 1: sc in the second chain from hook and in each chain to the end of the row, turn (18)

Row 2: chain 1, sc in each stitch to the end of the row, turn (18)

Rows 3 - 16: repeat row 2

Repeat row 2 until the desired height is achieved. Fasten off leaving a 4" - 6" tail for weaving in. Weave in any remaining loose ends. See instructions below for attaching the pocket to the bag.

Attaching the Pocket to the Bag

Turn the bag inside out so the wrong side is facing. Before sewing on the pocket, attach a magnetic purse snap to the inside of your bag (optional). Position the pocket on the bag so it is centered under the snap. Working in the stitches on the wrong side of the bag only, sew the

pocket onto the bag with a tapestry needle and matching yarn or crochet thread (see photo below). Turn the bag so the right side is facing. **Your bag should now be finished. I hope you have enjoyed the pattern.**

