Crochet Beach Bag

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Summary pattern based on the verified specs of the Beach Please Summer Tote free pattern from Loops and Love Crochet. This is an original summary, not a copy of that pattern. See sources.txt for the full pattern page.

Finished size, laid flat, not including handles: approximately 16 inches wide and 12 inches tall.

Base size after the base rounds: approximately 15 inches long and 3 inches wide.

Materials

Bulky weight yarn (#5), cotton or cotton blend recommended: approximately 300 yards in total. Most of the yarn is the main color, with about 30 yards of each accent color.

Crochet hook: 6 mm.

Yarn needle for weaving in ends.

Scissors.

Gauge

8 back loop single crochet stitches = 2 inches wide.

7 rows of back loop single crochet stitches = 2 inches tall.

Check gauge before you start, and change hook size if needed so your bag matches the finished size.

Stitches used

ch: chain

sl st: slip stitch

sc: single crochet

dc: double crochet

BLO: back loop only

Criss cross stitch: skip one stitch, double crochet in the next stitch, then double crochet in the skipped stitch.

Notes

Work in joined rounds. Join each round with a slip stitch to the first stitch.

Chain stitches at the start of a round do not count as a stitch, and each new round starts in the same stitch as the chain.

Change color at the end of a round, before joining, for clean stripes.

Keep tension even and fairly firm so the bag holds its shape under a wet towel.

Base

Start with a chain of 41. Work single crochet around both sides of the chain to form an oval, increasing at the ends.

Continue increasing in the following rounds until the base reaches 116 stitches around. At that point the base measures approximately 15 inches long and 3 inches wide.

Body

Work the sides upward in joined rounds at 116 stitches around.

Alternate blocks of back loop single crochet rounds with criss cross double crochet rounds. The back loop rounds give the body its firm texture, and the criss cross rounds form the striped bands.

Repeat this alternation, changing accent colors at the end of the criss cross rounds, until the body reaches the full height of approximately 12 inches, not including handles.

Handles

In the handle round, work single crochet across part of the top edge, chain 50 to form the first handle opening, skip 23 stitches, work single crochet across the middle section, chain 50 to form the second handle opening, skip 23 stitches, then work single crochet to the end of the round. Make both chain openings the same length.

In the next round, work single crochet in each stitch and in each chain stitch around, so the handles are formed and thickened.

Work two more rounds of single crochet around the bag and around the handles. Fasten off and weave in all ends.

Finishing

Turn the bag right side out, with the right side of the stitches facing outward.

Check that both handles are the same length and that the bag sits flat on its base.

Shake out any loose yarn ends after weaving them in, and block lightly if needed to even out the top edge.

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