

Crochet Sand and Sea Summer Tote Bag

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Worsted Weight Cotton yarn - I used I Love This Cotton yarn in Taupe (four 3.5 ounce skeins) and Aqua (two 3.5 ounce skeins)

You'll need approximately 14 ounces of the main color and 7 ounces of the accent color.

J/6mm hook

For optional tassel:

1-inch split key ring

Swivel Eye Snap Hook

Stitches used US terms:

Chain – ch

Single crochet – sc

Slip stitch – ss

Back loop only – blo

Special Stitch - v-stitch (dc, ch 1, dc) in same stitch

Note: Bag is crocheted using 2 strands of yarn held together.

Ch 47 with Taupe (holding 2 strands together)

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across. Ch 1 and turn. (46 stitches)

Rows 2-5: sc in each stitch across. Ch 1 and turn. (46 stitches)

Row 6: sc in each stitch across. Ch 1. DO NOT TURN (46 stitches)

Begin working in rounds.

Round 1: Work 4 sc across end of rows. Work 2 sc in next stitch. sc in next 44 stitches. (This is the opposite side of the beginning ch.) 2 sc in last stitch. Work 4 sc across end of rows. 2 sc in next stitch. sc in next 44 stitches. 2 sc in last stitch. Join with ss to 1st sc. (104 stitches)

Round 2: ch 1. sc in blo only of same stitch as ss and in each stitch around. Join with ss to 1st sc. (104 stitches)

Round 3: ch 1. Skip stitch that has the ss. sc in next stitch and in each stitch around, ending with final sc in skipped sc at the beginning of the round. Join with ss to 1st sc. (104 stitches)

Round 4: ch 1. sc in same stitch as ss and in each stitch around. Join with ss to 1st sc. (104 stitches)

Rounds 5-10: Repeat rounds 3 and 4 (3 times). (104 stitches)

Round 11: ch 3 (counts as first dc and ch 1) dc in same stitch as ss. *skip next 2 stitches, work v-stitch in next stitch* Repeat from * to * around to last stitch. Skip last stitch and join with ss to 2nd ch in beginning ch 3. (35 v-stitches)

Rounds 12-26: ss into ch 1 space. ch 3 (counts as first dc and ch 1) dc in same ch 1 space. (First v-stitch made) Work v-stitch in each ch 1 space of v-stitch in previous row. Join with ss to 2nd ch of beginning ch 3. (35 v-stitches)

Change to Aqua.

Round 27: ch 1. sc crochet in first ch 1 space. sc in each dc and ch 1 space around. Join with ss to first sc. (104 stitches)

Round 28: ch 1. sc in same stitch as ss and in each stitch around. Join with ss to 1st sc. (104 stitches)

Round 29: ch 1. Skip stitch that has the ss. sc in next stitch and in each stitch around, ending with final sc in skipped sc at the beginning of the round. Join with ss to 1st sc. (104 stitches)

Round 30: ch 1. sc in same stitch as ss and in each stitch around. Join with ss to 1st sc. (104 stitches)

Round 31: ch 1. Skip stitch that has the ss. sc in next stitch and in each stitch around, ending with final sc in skipped sc at the beginning of the round. Join with ss to 1st sc. (104 stitches)

Round 32: ch 1. sc in same stitch as ss and in each stitch around. Join with ss to 1st sc. (104 stitches)

The next round will form the handles of the tote.

Round 33: ch 1. Skip stitch that has ss. sc in next 10 stitches. Ch 60. Skip next 24 stitches. sc in next 28 stitches. Ch 60. Skip 24 stitches. sc in next 18 stitches. End the round with a sc in the stitch that was skipped at the beginning of the round. Join with ss to first sc. (176 stitches)

Round 34: ch 1. sc in same stitch as ss and each sc and ch around. Join with ss to first sc. (176 stitches)

Round 35: ch 1. Skip stitch that has the ss. sc in next stitch and in each stitch around, ending with the final sc in skipped stitch at the beginning of the round. Join with ss to first sc. (176 stitches)

Round 36: ch 1. sc in same stitch as ss and in each stitch around. Join with ss to first sc. (176 stitches)

Round 37: ch 1. Skip stitch that has the ss. sc in next stitch and in each stitch around, ending with the final sc in skipped stitch at the beginning of the round. Join with ss to first sc. (176 stitches)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

To make optional tassel key ring :

Cut a piece of cardboard about 6-inches long by 3-inches wide. Using 2 strands of each color yarn, wrap the yarn around the cardboard piece on the 6-inch length to desired thickness.

Cut one end of the yarn and slip the key ring onto the strands of yarn. Remove the cardboard piece and using a strand of yarn, tie tightly around all of the strands close to the key ring. Trim the tassel to desired length. Attach swivel eye snap hook and attach to bag.



Finished tote bag measures approximately 17 inches wide by 16 inches tall plus the handle.