

# Color Block Tote Bag

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I created this tote to be a cute purse or project bag, but also wanted it to be versatile and easily adaptable to make whatever size bag you want it to be. Just follow in the established pattern with as many rows as you want and make yourself a one-of-a-kind-bag!

If you want a heavier bag, use a heavier weight yarn with an appropriately sized hook.  
Use a larger hook for a looser stitch to make the bag larger.  
Or increase number of rounds that create the bottom of the bag, and corresponding side rows.

I made this bag with one skein each of Colors A & C and 2 skeins of Color B of Fibra Natura Dona, DK weight, 100% extra fine merino superwash yarn in three colors.

Color A - Steely  
Color B - Camellia  
Color C - Real Teal  
The hook size H.

Dimensions:

10" h x 11"w x 3.5"d  
8" hang from top of handle

Gauge:

20 sts x 16 rows

*CH = Chain*

*FSC = Foundation Single Crochet*

*SC = Single Crochet*

*SC2tog = Single Crochet 2 Stitches Together*

*HDC = Half Double Crochet*

*BLO = Back Loop Only*

*FLO = Front Loop Only*

*CRT = Chainless Row Turn*

*MC = Magic Circle*

*STS = Stitches*  
*() = # of Stitches in row*



### **Bag Pattern**

Begin with color A

15 fsc. - Begin working in the round

Rd 1 - 2 sc in the end of the fsc row, 15 sc blo, 2 sc in the opposite end of the fsc row, 15 sc blo (34)

(This forms the bottom corner of the bag. Each round will increase by 2 sts on each end, a total of 4 sts each round, w to build the sides of the bag.)

Rd 2 - \*2 sc into the each or the end sts or the round\*, 15 sc, Repeat between the \*s, 15 sc (38)

Rd 3 - \*2 sc into 1st st on end of round, 2 sc, 2 sc into 4th st on end of round\*, 15 sc, Repeat between \*s, 15 sc (42)

Rd 4 - \*2 sc into 1st st on end of round, 4 sc, 2 sc into 6th st on end of round\*, 15 sc, Repeat between \*s, 15 sc (46)

Rd 5 - 20 Continue with established pattern, (increasing each row by 1 on each corner, keeping the side panel 15 sts wide.)

Rd 21 - 35 - Change to Color B, continue with established pattern

Change to back and forth rows

Row 36 - crt, 34 sc, sc2tog, 15 hdc flo, sc2tog, 35 sc (87)

Row 37 - crt, 33 sc, sc2tog, 15 sc blo, sc2tog, 34 sc (85)

Row 38 - crt, 32 sc, sc2tog, 15 sc, sc2tog, 33 sc (83)

Row 39 - 50 - Continue in established pattern

Row 51 - Change to Color C, continue in established pattern

Row 52 - 70 - Continue in established pattern

Change to in the round

Rd 71 - Change to Color A - sc around top of bag

Rd 72-73 - sc around top of bag

Rd 74 - Change to Color C - sc around top of bag

Rd 75 - sc around top of bag

Rd 76 - Change to Color A - sc around top of bag

Rd 77-79 - sc around top of bag

Tie off and weave in ends

### **Flower Handle Pattern**

Work in the round

Make a Magic Circle

8 SC into MC, Sl St to join the round

Rd 1 - \*pull 1/2 inch loop through front of 1st st, pull second 1/2 inch loop through back of 1st st, pull third 1/2 inch loop through front of 1st st, Sl St in top of petal, ch 2\*, Repeat between \*s in next 7 sts, Sl St in to first petal to connect round. Tie off and weave in ends

Create as many flowers as you need for the desired length of handle, 2" per flower, for 2 handles.

Single Crochet around first flower stopping at the 7th petal, ch 2, \*SC to second flower on 1st petal, SC around to 3rd petal, ch 2\*, Repeat for as many flowers as you have, SC all the way around the

last petal to the 7th petal, ch 2, repeat between \*s except only 1 ch between flowers to create curve in handle, join to end of handle with a sl st.

Tie off and weave in ends

Block bag and handles. Attach handles and fill 'er up!