



# Totable Bag

A flip-top bag that doubles as a big and sturdy tote.



## Materials and Measurements

Yarn: Super bulky - main color/red: 140 yards; cream color: 110 yards; blue color: 120 yards  
Sample: Lion Brand Heartland Thick and Quick

Crochet Hook: J, K

Miscellaneous: yarn needle to weave in ends, 2 Large D rings to secure shoulder handle (optional), 1 large snap (optional)

Gauge: not necessary for this project

Size (measured flat): 17.5" tall (not including base) x 15" wide

## Directions

Pattern starts at bottom of bag.

Color changes listed for patriotic sample. Substitute colors as desired.

Stitch counts will only be listed at the end of each round if the stitch count changes.

1. With K hook and red yarn, ch 17, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, with 4 sc in last ch. Working across back of beginning chain, sc in each st across, with 2 sc in last st. (35sts) Do not join. Place marker for working in the round.
  2. 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc 14, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc 15, 2 sc in next st. (41sts)
  3. \*2 sc in next st, sc\*, repeat once, sc 13, \*2 sc in next st, sc\*, repeat 3 more times, sc 14, 2 sc in next st, sc. (48sts)
  4. \*Sc, 2 sc in next st\*, repeat once, sc 17, \*2 sc in next st, sc\*, repeat 3 more times, sc 16, 2 sc in next st, sc, 2 sc in next st. (56sts)
  5. \*Sc, 2 sc in next st\*, repeat 2 more times, sc 18, \*2 sc in next st, sc 2\*, repeat 3 more times, sc 18, 2 sc in next st, sc. (64sts)
  6. \*2 sc in next st, sc 2\*, repeat 2 more times, sc 20, \*2 sc in next st, sc 2\*, repeat 3 more times, sc 20, 2 sc in next st, sc 2. (72sts)
  7. 2sc in next st, sc 3, 2sc in next st, sc 31, 2sc in next st, sc 3, 2sc in next st, sc 31. (76sts)
  8. \*2sc in next st, sc 5, 2sc in next st, sc 31\*, repeat to end of round. (80sts)
  9. \*2sc in next st, sc 6, 2sc in next st, sc 32\*, repeat to end of round. (84sts)
  10. Sl st in next st. This is the new beginning of the round. Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc 13, 2hdc in next st, \*hdc 13, 2hdc in next st\*, repeat to end of round, sl st to join. (90sts)
  11. This step helps transition from the base of the bag to the sides. Ch 2, BPHDC (back post hdc) around each post to end of round, sl st to join.
  12. Ch 2, hdc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
  13. Change to cream yarn. Ch 2, hdc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
  14. Ch 2, \*hdc 7, hdc2tog\*, repeat to end of round, sl st to join. (80sts)  
tip: when substituting colors, I suggest working decrease rounds, such as step #14, as the second round of the same color. Because the base of decreases look different from regular stitches, this will help makes them less noticeable.
  15. Change to red yarn. Ch 2, hdc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
  16. Ch 2, \*hdc 14, hdc2tog\*, repeat to end of round, sl st to join. (75sts)
  17. Change to cream yarn. Ch 2, hdc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
  18. Ch 2, hdc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
  - 19-20. With red yarn, ch 2, hdc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
  - 21-22. With cream yarn, ch 2, hdc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
  - 23-24. With red yarn, ch 2, hdc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
  - 25-26. With cream yarn, ch 2, hdc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
  27. Change to blue yarn. Ch 2, hdc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
  - 28-41. Ch 2, hdc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
  - 42-45. Ch 1, sc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
- Finish off and weave in ends.



### Shoulder Handle (make 1)

1. With J hook and blue yarn, ch 101, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. (100sts)
2. Change to cream yarn. Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to end of row.
3. Change to red yarn. Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to end of row.
4. Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to end of row.
5. This row is to add strength to the handle and help prevent stretching. Ch 1, turn, FPSLST (Front Post Slip Stitch) around each hdc post (from row 3). Finish off.
6. Turn piece. With cream yarn, ch 1, sc in each st to end of row.
7. Change to blue yarn. Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to end of row. Finish off and weave in ends.

Wrap one edge around a large D hook and fold back against the handle piece. With matching yarn or thread and needle, sew the layers together (as shown in photo below). Repeat for other end of handle.



Lay bag on a flat surface and fold top edge forward.



Flip bag over, making sure the top stays folded down. Place each ring at a top corner of the bag (as shown in photo). With matching yarn and yarn needle, sew the rounded edge of the ring to the bag. Make sure to not sew the bag layers together.



### Tote Handles (make 2)

1. With J hook and blue yarn, ch 51, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. (50sts)
2. Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to end of row.
3. Ch 1, turn, sc 12. Fold the piece in half, matching long edges. Working through both layers, sc 26. The remaining sts are worked only in the one layer (same as first 12 sts). Sc 12. Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing handle in place.

The handle piece will probably be all twisted.



With your fingers, smooth out the handle piece so it look similar to the handle in the photo below.



Center one handle on the top edge of the bag. With matching yarn and yarn needle, sew approximately 3" of each end to the bag. See photo below for placement.



Flip bag over and repeat for second handle.

Closure: a large snap could be sewn inside the top edge of the bag if desired.

### Key Chain (optional)

I wanted to add a little something to the bag so I attach a belt buckle and braid.

First, cut 2 strands of each color, approximately 18" long. Pull one end through the loop at base of handle or any place on bag. Tie strands (photo, below left).

Slip buckle over one set of strands (photo, below middle left).

Tie strands in a knot (photo, below middle right).

Braid strands and tie a knot in the end (photo, below right).



### ~~~~~ Helpful Tips ~~~~~

Common Crochet Abbreviations	
Ch – chain	Sc2tog – decrease, single crochet 2 sts together
St - stitch	Dc2tog – decrease, double crochet 2 sts together
Sp – space; sps - spaces	Fp – front post
Sc – single crochet	Bp – back post
Hdc – half double crochet	Fpdc – front post double crochet
Dc – double crochet	Bpdc – back post double crochet
Beg - beginning	BLO – back loop only
Sl st – slip stitch	FLO – front loop only
Yo – yarn over	** - repeat instructions between, as many times as indicated



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