

## Crochet a Beachy Keen Tote Bag

When Mikey crocheted the [Beachy Keen Cover-Up](#), I thought it would be fun to crochet a matching tote bag. I used the same Bernat Maker Home Dec yarn in Aqua.

My finished bag measures 12" x 12", not including the handles. I used 150 grams of the 250-gram ball, so there is plenty of extra if you'd like to make your tote bag bigger.

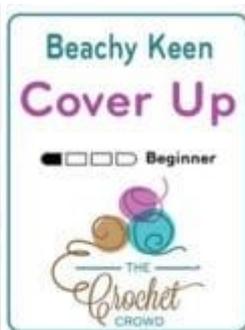
- 1 Ball Bernat Maker Home Dec
- Crochet Hook Size L 8.0mm
- Stitch Marker
- Darning Needle

### Bottom:

Chain 33. Sc into 2nd chain from hook and each chain across. Do not turn at the end in the usual way. Turn so that now you will be working on the opposite side of the chain. Sc back across the free loops of the beginning chain to the start. Place stitch marker in last sc. - 64 sc.

Working in continuous rounds, sc into each sc for a total of 4 rows, moving marker up each time to keep track. Sl st to close rounds after the 4th round.

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Crochet Beachy Keen Cover Up (Beach

Cover Up). Click this pic to get this pattern and tutorial.[/caption]

### Pattern:

Round 1 - Chain 4 (counts as dc + ch-1), \*skip 1 stitch, dc into next stitch, ch-1. Repeat \* around. Sl st to 3rd chain of beginning ch-4.

Round 2 - Ch-1, sc into each dc and ch-1 space around. Sl st to beginning sc.

Rounds 3 - 22, repeat rounds 1 and 2.

Round 22 - Ch-1, sc in each stitch around. Sl st to beginning sc.

Handles:

*Note: At this point, your beginning should still be near the side edge of the bag. If not, you will need to adjust the number of sc's to center the handles to your bag.*

Round 1 - Ch-1, sc in the same stitch and next 9 stitches. Ch-50, skip 15 stitches, sc into the next 17 stitches, ch-50, skip 15 stitches, sc into the remaining 7 stitches. Sl st to beginning sc.

Round 2 - Ch-1, sc in same stitch and next 9 stitches, skip the first chain, sc into the next 48 chains, skip the last chain, sc into next 17 sc, skip the first chain, sc into the next 48 chains, skip the last chain, sc into remaining 7 sc. Sl st to beginning sc.

Round 3 - Ch-1, sc in same stitch and next 9 stitches, skip next sc, sc into the next 46 sc, skip next sc, sc into next 17 sc, skip next sc, sc into the next 46 sc, skip next sc, sc into remaining 7 sc. Sl st to beginning sc. Finish off.

If you are interested in a wider bag, then start with a longer chain keeping it odd, for an even number of beginning single crochets. If you would like a taller bag, then work more pattern rounds.