

Patriotic Summer Tote Bag

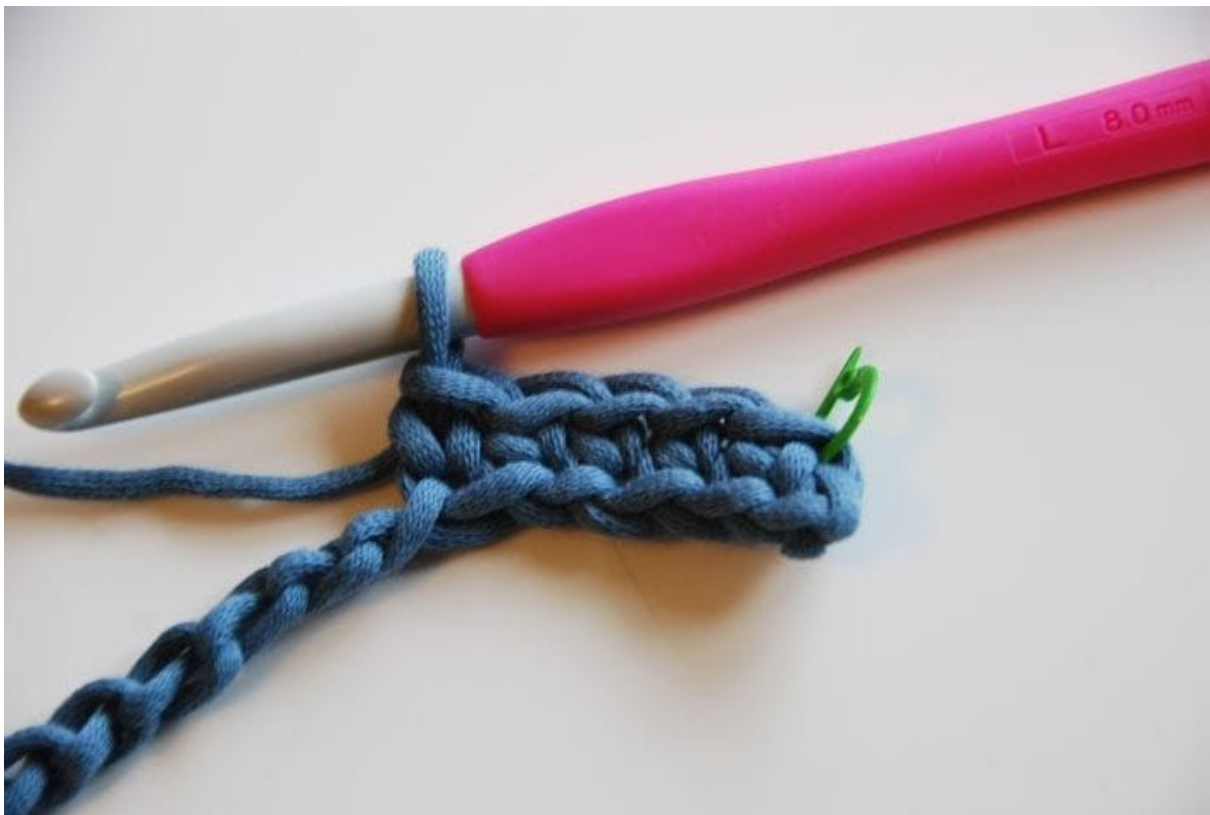
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- Bernat Home Maker Dec Yarn - 1 skein each of:
 - Color A - Steel Blue
 - Color B - Woodberry
 - Color C - Cream
- Crochet Hook size 8.00mm L

With Color A, ch 40.

Round 1 - Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across to last ch. Into the last ch, place 3 sc. Rotate, working into the other side of the ch, sc into each ch to the last ch, finish with 2 sc in the last ch. - 80 sc

- *Place a marker into the first stitch.*

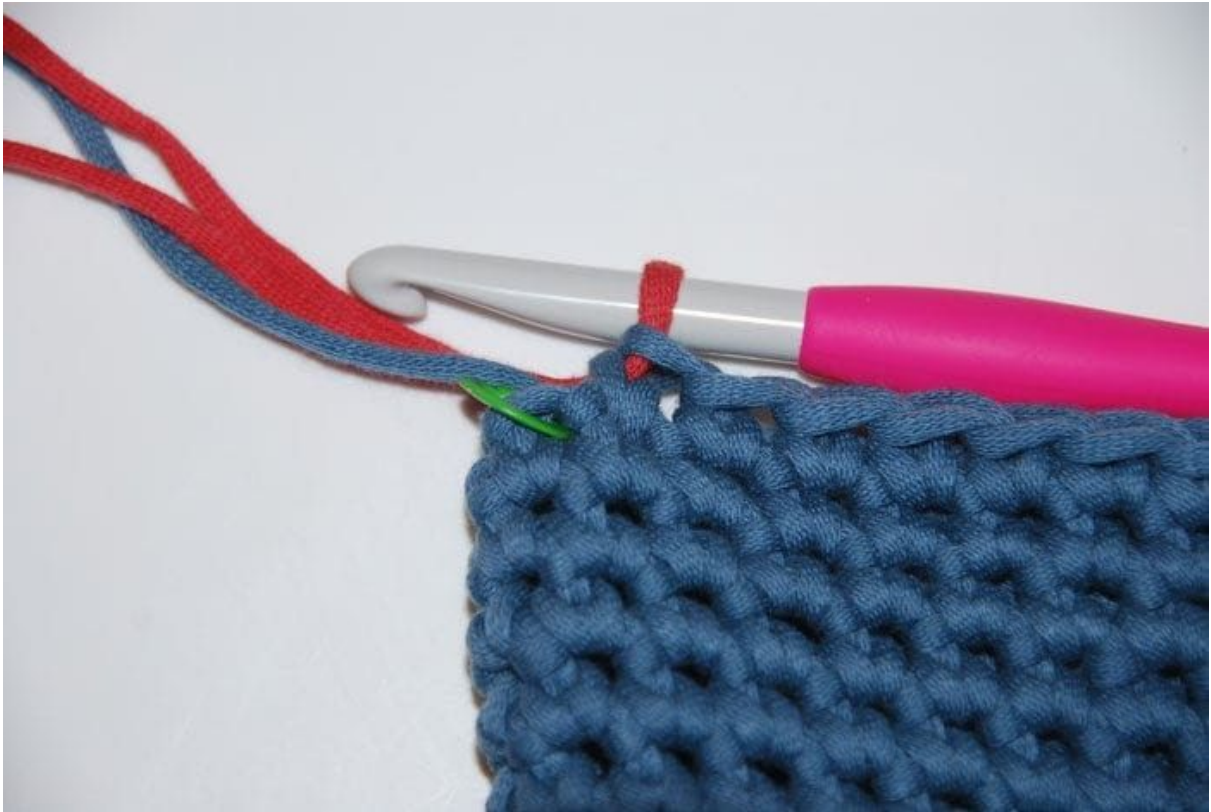
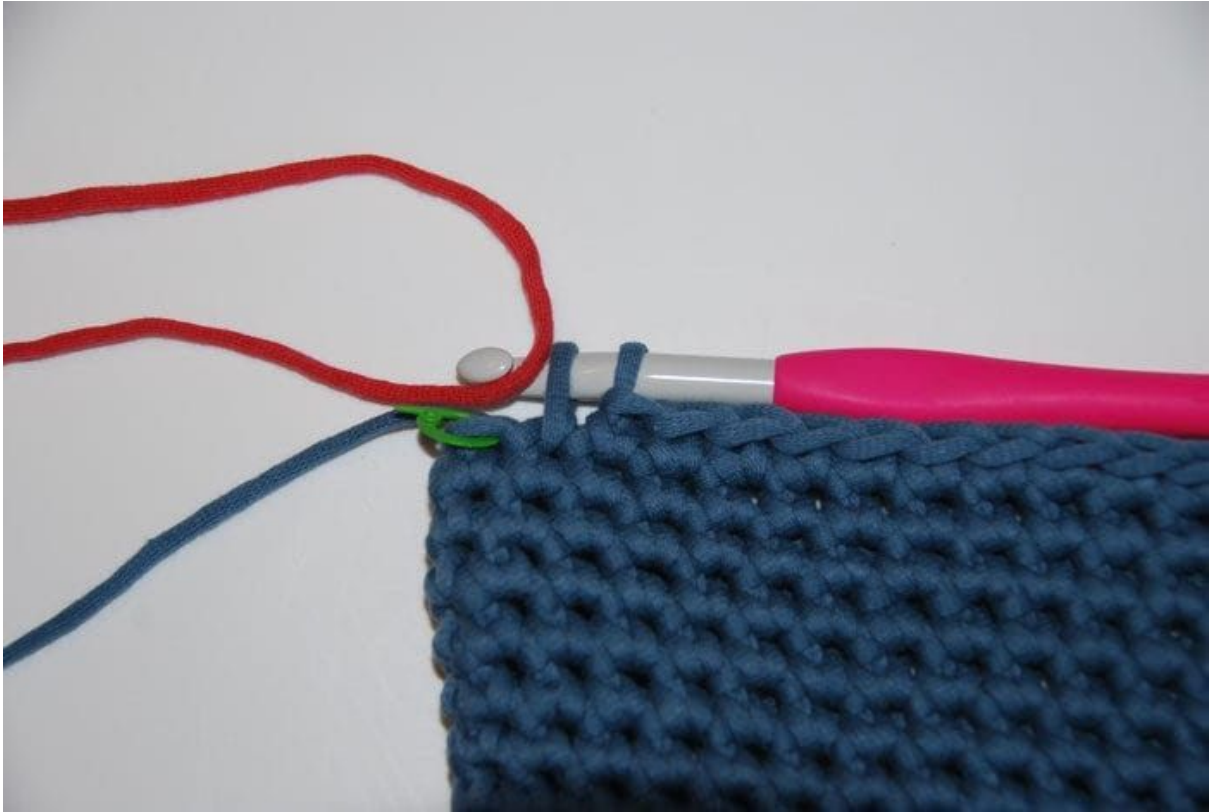






Round 2 through 12 - Work sc into each sc around. Continue to move marker up each round in the first stitch.

At the end of round 12, drop color A and pick up color B in the last sc. Leave marker in the first stitch.



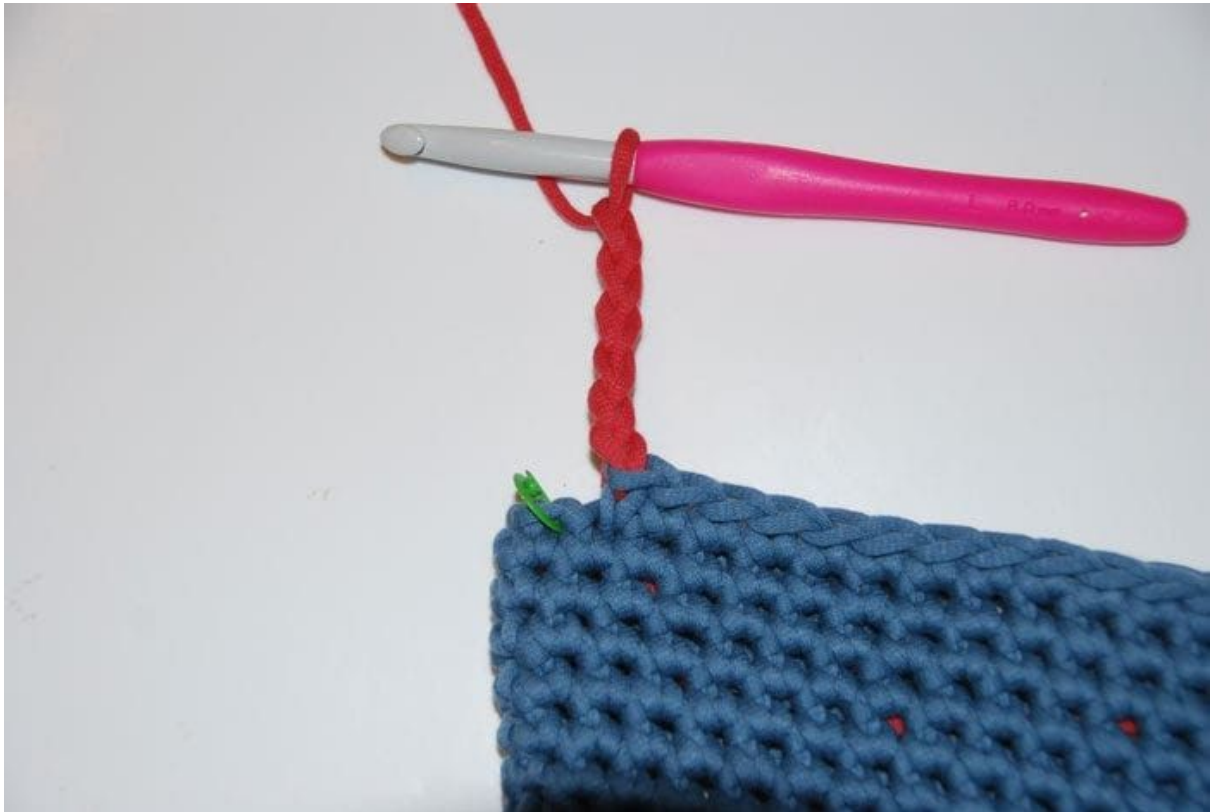
Begin Vertical Stripes

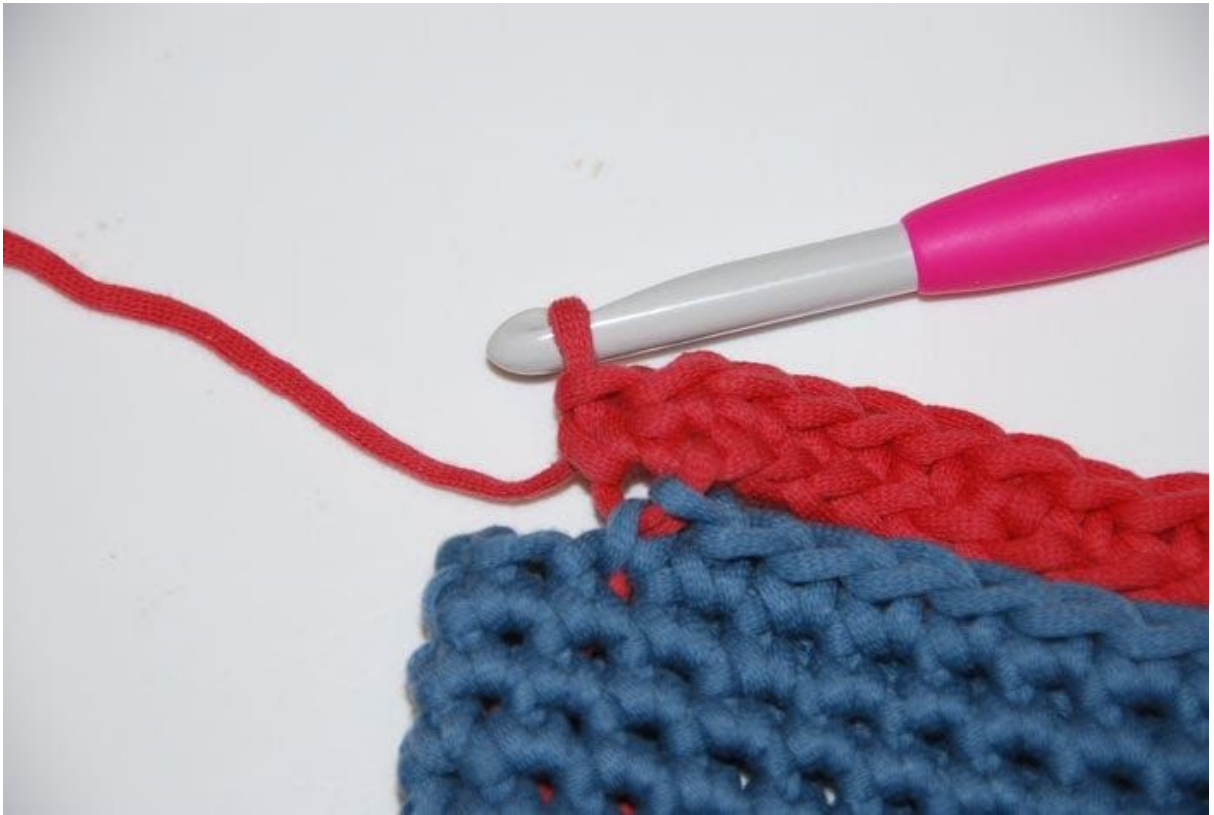
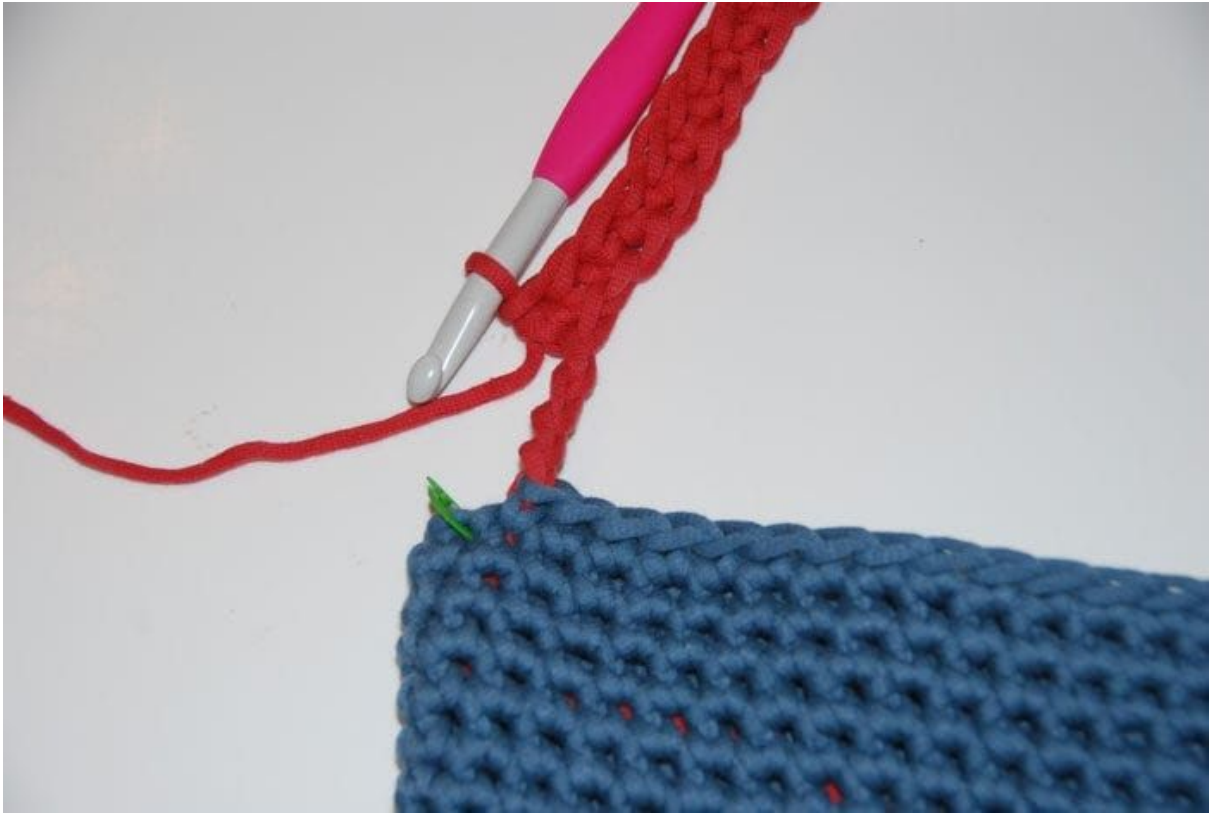
Row 1 - Ch 31, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across. You will now be next to the base. Sl st into the marked stitch and into the next stitch. Turn. - 30 sc, 2 sl st

Row 2 - (no need to ch 1), sc in each sc across. Turn.

Row 3 - Ch 1, sc in each sc across; sl st in next 2 stitches of base. Turn.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 for a total of 6 rows. Switch to color C.





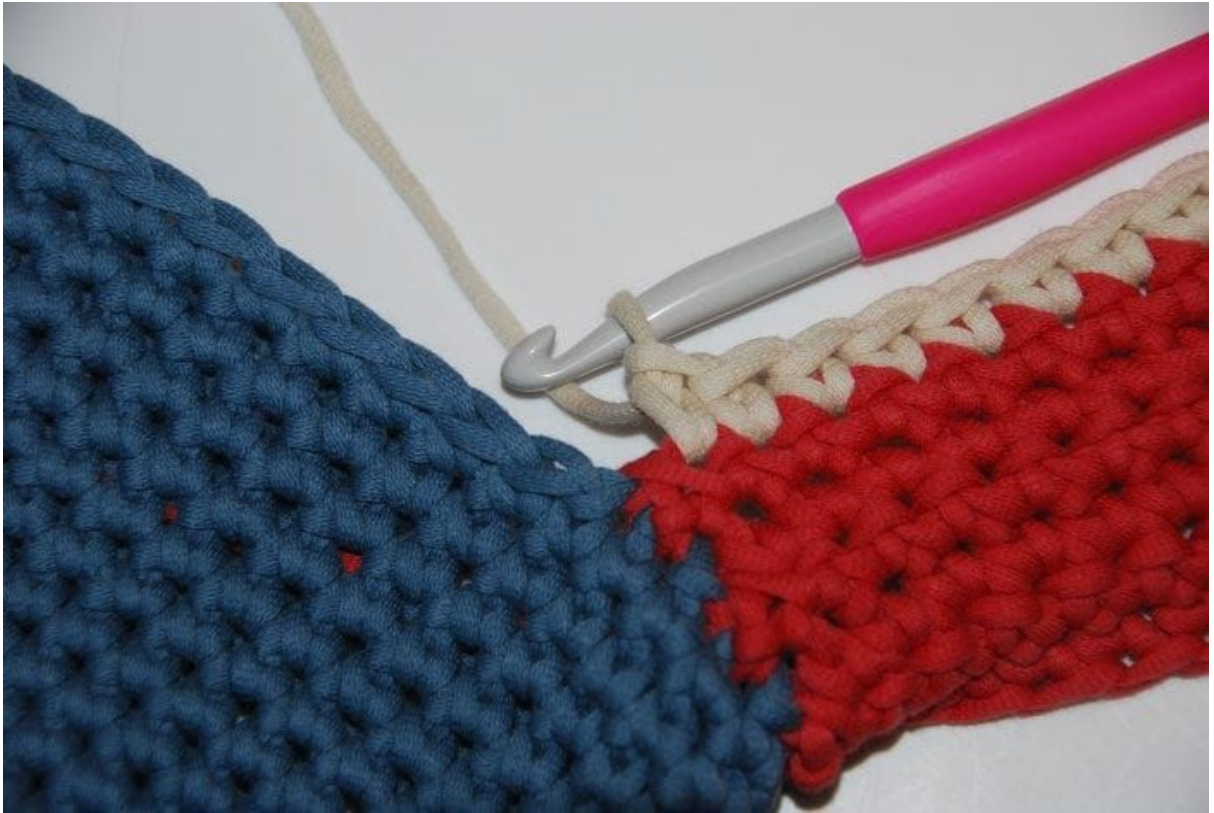




With color C, continue to work rows 2 and 3 for a total of 10 rows. Switch to color B.

Continue to alternate colors every 10 rows for a total of 76 rows. Switch to color B and continue pattern for 4 rows. Do not break yarn. - 80 rows

Turn bag to the wrong side (inside out). Sl st rows 1 and 80 together. Finish off. Turn back to right side.





Top Edge

With color A, attach in the end of any row.

Round 1 - Ch 1, sc into the end of each row around; sl st to first sc. - 80 sc.

Round 2 & 3 - Ch 1, sc into each sc around. Finish off.

Strap

With color A and leaving an extra long tail, ch 6. Sc in the 2nd ch and each ch across. Turn.
- 5 sc.

Continue to sc until your strap is your desired length. Mine is 36".

For added strength, sl st around the edges of the entire strap. Finish off leaving an extra long tail.

Use the tails of the strap to stitch the strap onto the bag, just using a running stitch.