

THE  
*Crochet*<sup>™</sup>  
 CROWD  
**Crocheter's  
 Tote**

Easy

Lily Sugar'n Cream, 2 Colours, 1 Solid, 1 ombre.

**Hook**

5 mm or H Crochet Hook  
 Tapestry Needle

**Abbreviations**

Beg = Begin  
 Ch = Chain  
 Rep = Repeat  
 Sl St = Slip Stitch  
 Sp = Space  
 Dc = Double Crochet  
 Sc = Single Crochet  
 Rem = Remaining

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**Instructions**

Special Stitch: Side Lean Stitch \*sc, ch 2, 4 dc in next sc (cluster made), sk next 3 sc and repeat from \*

**Base**

Ch 43.

**1st rnd:** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of ch. Do not turn. Working into other side of ch, work 1 sc in each rem loop of ch. Join with sl st to first sc. 84 sc.

**2nd rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in same sc as last sl st. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc.

Rep last rnd 6 times more.

**Body of Bag**

**Row 1:** Ch 1, [(sc, ch 2, 4 dc) in next sc (cluster made), sk next 3 sc] 21 times, sc in last sc, turn—21 clusters.



Join with sl st to first sc, sl st to ch-2 sp.

**Rows 2– 8:** Turn at the end of each round. Join with sl st to first sc, sl st to ch-2 sp ch ch 1, sc, 2 ch, 4 dc in first sc, (sc, ch 2, 4 dc) in next 21 ch-2 sps, join with sl st in last ch-2 sp, turn.

**Round 9 (RS):** ch 1 work 1 sc in each dc from previous row, skipping the ch-2 sp. Fasten off. - 84 sc

**Strap**

Lay bag on a flat surface. Place stitch markers on the ends and in the middle so your project is divided by approximately 21 stitches. Count 9 stitches to the right middle mark. Row 1: With next color fasten on and sc the next 20 stitches. Turn. (20 sc)

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc2tog, sc to end of row and sc last 2 sc together (18sc)

Repeat row 2 until you have 10 sc left.

**Next Row:** Ch 1, sc in next 10 stitches, turn. Repeat row 3 until you have 30 rows of 10 sc.

**Row 31:** Ch 1, 2sc in next stitch, sc in each st to end, 2 sc in last stitch (12 sc)

Repeat row 31 until you have 20 stitches. Leaving a long thread, fasten off and sew handle to other side of tote.

**Finishing**

Strap and Upper Edging: With RS of work facing, join yarn with sl st to one side of strap and work 1 rnd sc evenly along strap edge and top edge of Bag. Join with sl st to first sc. Rep around other side of tote.

