## Striped Rectangle Tote <br> Free Crochet Pattern



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MATERIALS: 1 full skein Black 4 ply yarn, part skein of 4 ply yarn in Spring Green, Sunflower and Royal, needle to take yarn, and H hook or hook to obtain gauge.

GAUGE: 4 hdc $=1 ", 3$ rows hdc $=1 "$. Rectangle: $4 " \mathrm{X} 8 "$. Square: $4 " \mathrm{X} 4 "$. FINISHED SIZE: 18 " long X $14 "$ wide.

## RECTANGLE:

ROW 1: With Black and H hook ch-24, hdc $3^{\text {rd }}$ ch from hook, hdc ea ch across, join yarn A, fasten off Black, ch-1, turn. (22 sts)
ROW 2: Hdc ea st across, ch-2, hdc in end of row, ch-2, hdc bottom ea foundation (bottom of sts made in row 1) ch across, join Black, fasten off A. ( 45 sts)
ROW 3: Hdc ea st across working (hdc, ch-2, hdc) in ea ch-2 sp, join yarn B, fasten off Black, ch-1, turn. (49 sts) ROW 4: Hdc ea st across working (hdc, ch-2, hdc) in ea ch-2 sp, join Black, fasten off B, ch-1, turn. ( 53 sts)
ROW 5: Rep row 3. ( 57 sts )
ROW 6: Hdc ea st across working (hdc, ch-2, hdc) in ch-2 sp, fasten off. (61 sts)
-make a total of 7 rectangles in color combinations shown on chart.
SQUARE:
ROW 1: With Black and H hook ch-12, hdc $3^{\text {rd }}$ ch from hook, hdc ea ch across, join yarn A, fasten off Black, ch-1, turn. (10 sts)
ROW 2: Hdc ea st across, ch-2, hdc in end of row, ch-2, hdc bottom ea foundation (bottom of sts made in row 1) ch across, join Black, fasten off A. (21 sts)
ROW 3: Hdc ea st across working (hdc, ch-2, hdc) in ea ch-2 sp, join yarn B, fasten off Black, ch-1, turn. ( 25 sts) ROW 4: Hdc ea st across working (hdc, ch-2, hdc) in ea ch-2 sp, join Black, fasten off B, ch-1, turn. (29 sts)
ROW 5: Rep row 3. (33 sts)
ROW 6: Hdc ea st across working (hdc, ch-2, hdc) in ch-2 sp, fasten off. ( 37 sts )
-make a total of 14 squares in color combinations shown on chart. With needle and matching yarn sew rectangles and squares tog as illustrated. With Black yarn and H hook evenly hdc ea st around ea edge, sl st top beg hdc, fasten off.

BOTTOM:
RND 1: With Black and H hook ch-22, hdc $3^{\text {rd }}$ ch from hook, hdc next 18,3 hdc last ch, turn piece so you are now working across the bottom of the foundation row (in bottom of sts just made), hdc next 18, 2 hdc last, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (42 sts)
RND 2: 2 hdc next 2 sts, hdc next 18, 2 hdc next 3 sts, hdc next 18 , 2 hdc last st, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (48 sts)
RND 3: 2 hdc next 2 sts, hdc next 18, 2 hdc next 6 , hdc next 18 , 2 hdc last 4 sts, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. ( 60 sts)
RND 4: (2 hdc next st, hdc next st) 3 times, hdc next 22, rep bet () 4 times, hdc next 22, 2 hdc next, hdc last st, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. ( 68 sts)
RND 5: ( 2 hdc next st, hdc next st) twice, hdc next 22, rep bet () 6 times, hdc next 22, rep bet () 4 times, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. ( 80 sts )
RND 6: (2 hdc next st, hdc next st) 5 times, hdc next 26, rep bet () 7 times, hdc next 26, rep bet () twice, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. ( 94 sts )
RND 7: (2 hdc next st, hdc next 2 sts) twice, hdc next 29, rep bet () 6 times, hdc next 29, rep bet () 4 times, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (106 sts)
RND 8: (2 hdc next st, hdc next 2 sts) 5 times, hdc next 32, rep bet () 7 times, hdc next 32, rep bet () twice, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (120 sts)
RND 9: Hdc ea st around, sl st top beg hdc, fasten off.
Sew to bottom of bag.

CHUNKY HANDLES:
With Black and H hook ch-5, sl st to form a ring.
RND 1: Ch-1, work 12 hdc in ring, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. ( 12 sts)
RND 2-32: Hdc ea st around, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn.
RND 33: (Hdc dec next 2 sts) around, sl st top beg hdc, fasten off. ( 6 sts) -make 2. Sew to inside of tote on ea side.

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Abbreviations Used In This Pattern
$\mathrm{Ch}=$ Chain
$\mathrm{St}=$ Stitch
$\mathrm{Sl} \mathrm{St}=$ Slip Stitch
$\mathrm{Sc}=$ Single Crochet
Hdc $=$ Half Double Crochet
Dc $=$ Double Crochet
Trc $=$ Treble Crochet
$\mathrm{Cl}=$ Cluster
Rnd $=$ Round
Beg $=$ Beginning
Rep $=$ Repeat
Bet $=$ Between
Sk = Skip
Dec $=$ Decrease
Ea $=$ Each
Tog $=$ Together

