

# Rhythm Tote



## Pattern Description:

The Rhythm Tote is a stylish striped bag created using a finely-textured single crochet fabric with cotton thread. It features a rectangular base worked in rows that transitions to sides worked in the round.

The tote is finished with purchased handles, giving it a professional look. It is described as perfect for toting needlework and other necessities.

## Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Finished Measurements:** 11" wide at base x 13.5" high from base x 3.75" deep.
- **Yarn:** Curio™ #3 (100% Mercerized Cotton; 295 yards/100g). The pattern uses MC Clarity 27986 (1 ball) and C1 Kenai 27994 (2 balls).
- **Yarn Weight:** #3.
- **Hook:** US F/5 (3.75mm) Crochet hook or the size needed to obtain gauge.
- **Notions:** Yarn Needle, Removable Stitch Markers, 19" Purse Handle (x2).

## Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

- **C (1, 2...):** contrast color (1, 2...) (Used as C1 in pattern)
- **ch(s):** chain(s)
- **MC:** main color
- **rnd(s):** round(s)
- **RS:** right side
- **SC:** single crochet
- **sl st:** slip stitch
- **st(s):** stitch(es)
- **WS:** wrong side

## Stitching Instructions for Making the Rhythm Tote Pattern:

The tote's construction begins with a **rectangular base** worked in rows, then transitions to working the **sides in the round**.

Almost-invisible round joins help keep the stripe edges smooth. A round of slip stitches forms a sturdy top edge.

### Color Change:

To change color, **complete the last stitch of the round with the current color**. Then, insert the hook into the beginning stitch of the round, yarn over, and **pull through the new color to join the round**. Cut the previous color and continue the round with the new color.

### Base:

- With MC, **chain 56**.
- **Row 1 (RS):** SC in the back bar of the 2nd ch from the hook and each ch across, turn. You should have 55 SC.
- **Row 2 (WS):** Ch 1 (this does not count as SC throughout the pattern). SC in the first st and each st across, turn.
- **Rows 3-22:** Repeat Row 2.
- **Row 23:** Ch 1, SC across. **Do not turn** after Row 23.

### Sides:

- **Note:** Place a marker in the first and last stitch of each round to maintain a consistent stitch count.
- **Rnd 1 (RS):** Rotate the work. Ch 1. **SC in the side of the row just made** and each row across (this makes 23 SC). Rotate the work. SC in the base of each st across (this makes 55 SC).

Rotate the work. SC in the side of each row across (this makes 23 SC). Rotate the work. SC in each st across (this makes 55 SC). Sl st in the first SC to join. At the end of Rnd 1, you should have a total of **156 SC**.

- **Rnd 2:** Ch 1 (does not count as SC throughout). SC in the same st as join and in each st around. Sl st in the first SC to join.
- **Rnds 3-82:** Repeat Rnd 2, following the specified color sequence. The color sequence is:
  - **MC:** Rnds **3-9, 28-36, 55-63, 82**.
  - **C1:** Rnds **10-27, 37-54, 64-81**.
- **Rnd 83:** Sl st all. Sl st in the first sl st to join. Fasten off.

### **Finishing:**

- Weave in ends.
- Attach handles following the manufacturer's directions.