

# Striped Squares Tote Free Crochet Pattern



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MATERIALS: 4 ply Red Heart yarn in Black and Light Gray, needle to take yarn, H hook or hook to obtain gauge.

GAUGE: 3 hdc sts = 1", 3 rows hdc = 1". Block is 4-1\4" square.

FINISHED SIZE: 18" long X 13" wide.

SQUARE:

ROW 1: With Gray and H hook ch-3, (Hdc, ch-2, hdc) in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook, join Black, fasten off Gray, ch-1, turn. (2 sts)

ROW 2: Hdc next st, work (hdc, ch-2, hdc) in ch-2 sp, hdc last st, join Gray, fasten off Black, ch-1, turn. (4 sts)

ROW 3: Hdc ea st and work (hdc, ch-2, hdc) in ch-2 sp, join Black end row, fasten off Gray, ch-1, turn. (6 sts)

ROW 4: Hdc ea st and work (hdc, ch-2, hdc) in ch-2 sp, join Gray end of row, fasten off Black, ch-1, turn. (8 sts)

ROW 5-12: Rep row 2-3. (10 sts)(12 sts)(14 sts)(16 sts)(18 sts)(20 sts)(22 sts)(24 sts)

RND 13: Hdc next 12 sts, (hdc, ch-2, hdc) in ch-2 sp, hdc next 11, rep bet () in last st, turn so you are working across the ends of rows, \*hdc next row, 2 hdc next row \* across to corner, rep bet (), turn, hdc ea st across, working () in bottom of ch-2 sp, rep bet \*\* ending with Hdc, ch-2, sl st top beg hdc, fasten off.

-make 17.

TRIANGLE:

ROW 1: With Gray and H hook ch-3, hdc in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook, join Black, fasten off Gray, ch-1, turn. (1 st)

ROW 2: 2 hdc only st, join Gray, fasten off Black, ch-1, turn. (2 sts)

ROW 3: 2 hdc ea st across, join Black, fasten off Gray, ch-1, turn. (4 sts)

ROW 4: 2 hdc next st, hdc ea st across to last st, 2 hdc last st, join Gray, fasten off Black, ch-1, turn. (6 sts)

ROW 5: 2 hdc next st, hdc ea st across to last st, 2 hdc last st, join Black, fasten off Gray, ch-1, turn. (8 sts)

ROW 6-8: Rep row 4-5. (10 sts)(12 sts)(14 sts)

RND 9: Hdc ea st across to last st, (2 hdc, ch-2, 2 hdc) last st, turn so you are working across ends of rows, \* hdc next row, 2 hdc next row \* across, rep bet () in corner, rep bet \*\*, working (2 hdc, ch-2, hdc) in last st, sl st top beg hdc, fasten off.

-make 8.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER:

With needle and Gray yarn sew squares tog as illustrated. Sew center seam tog to form the body of the tote. Sew the triangles bet squares to make a continuous edge.

On top and bottom edge: Join Gray in any st, ch-1, sc same st as beg ch-1, evenly sc around, sl st top beg sc, fasten off.

TOTE'S BOTTOM:

RND 1: With Black and H hook ch-14, hdc 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook, hdc next 10 ch, 3 hdc last ch, turn piece so you are now working across the bottom of the foundation ch (in bottom of sts just made), hdc next 10, 2 hdc last, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (26 sts)

RND 2: 2 hdc next 2 sts, hdc next 10, 2 hdc next 3, hdc next 10, 2 hdc last st, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (32 sts)

RND 3: 2 hdc next 2 sts, hdc next 10, 2 hdc next 6, hdc next 10, 2 hdc last 4 sts, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (44 sts)

RND 4: (2 hdc next st, hdc next st) 3 times, hdc next 12, rep bet () 5 times, hdc next 12, rep bet () twice, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (54 sts)

RND 5: (2 hdc next st, hdc next st) 3 times, hdc next 14, rep bet () 6 times, hdc next 14, rep bet () 3 times, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (64 sts)

RND 6: (2 hdc next st, hdc next st) 4 times, hdc next 18, rep bet () 7 times, hdc next 18, rep bet () 3 times, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (78 sts)

RND 7: Hdc ea st around, sl st top beg hdc, fasten off.

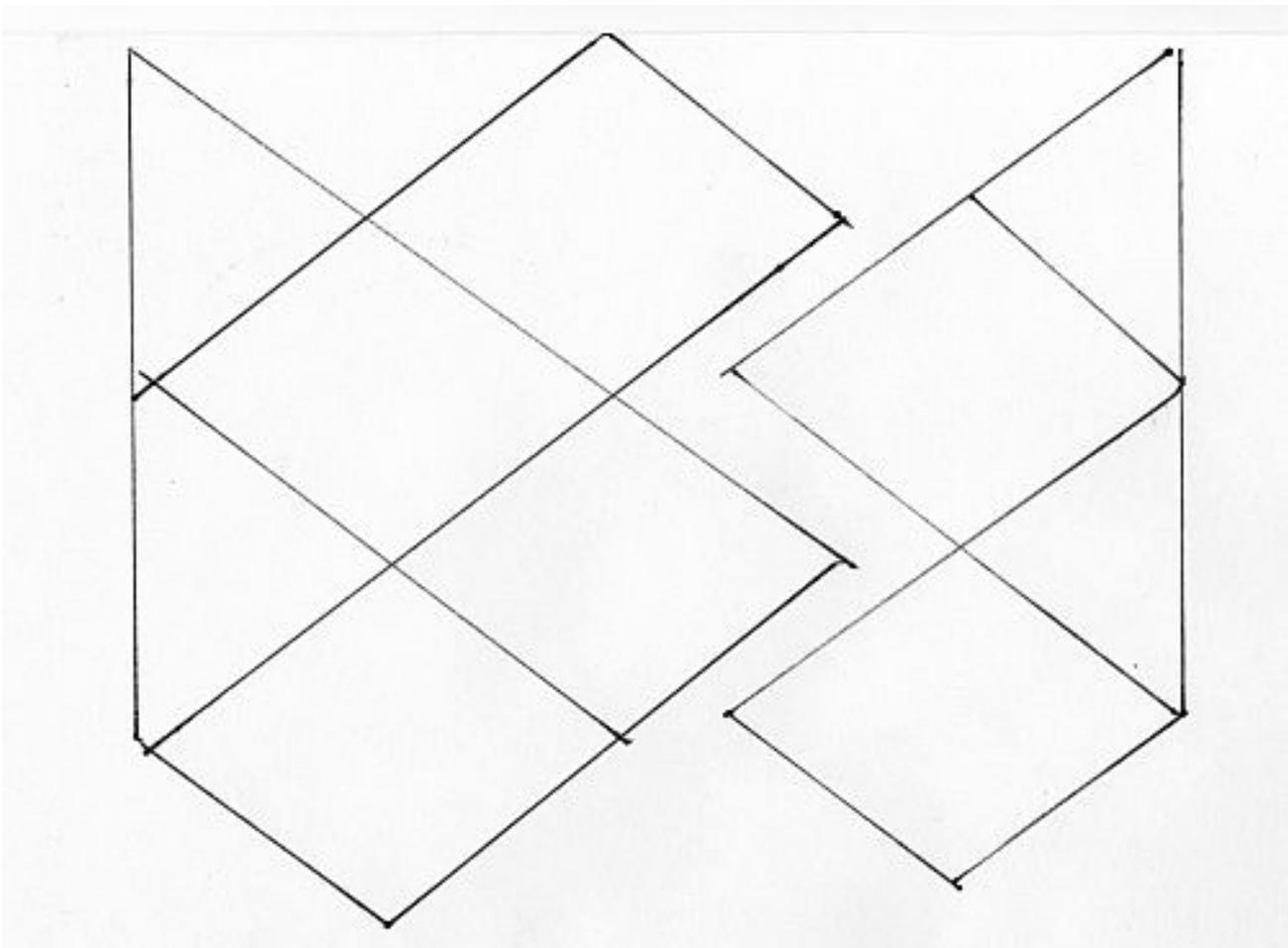
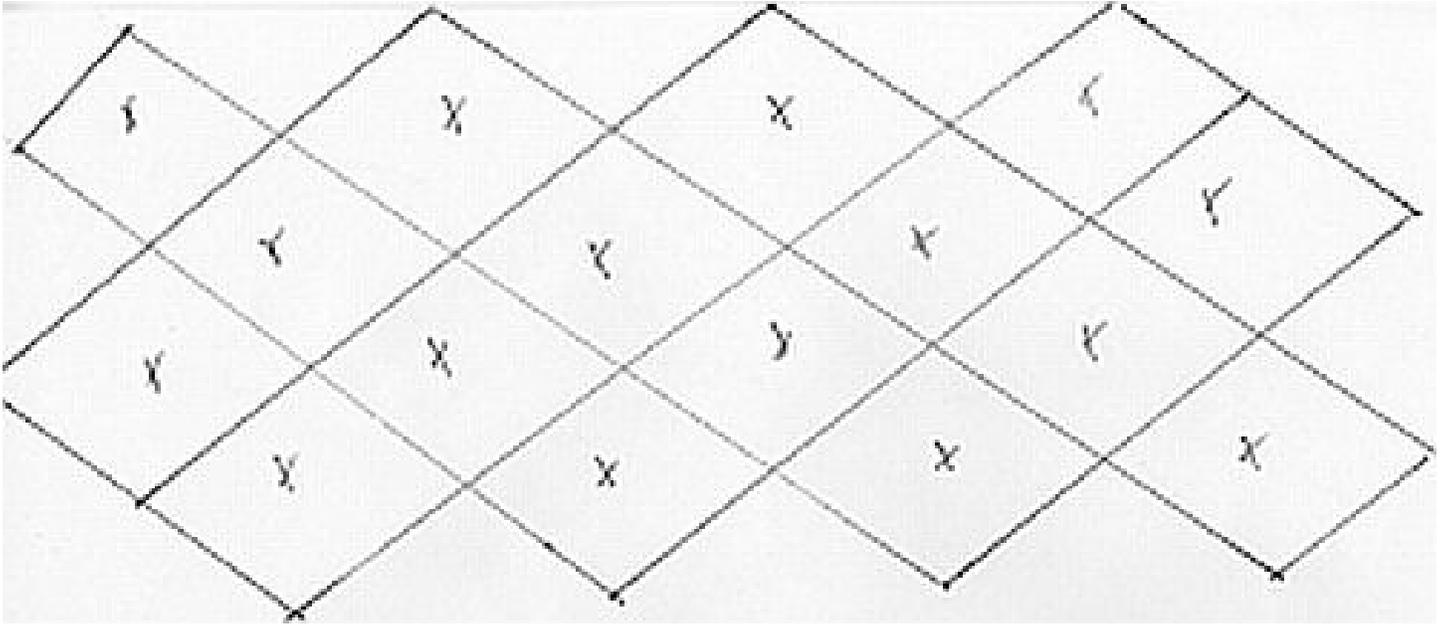
Sew to bottom of tote.

HANDLE:

ROW 1: With yarn and H hook ch-5, hdc 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook, hdc ea ch across, ch-1, turn. (3 sts)

ROW 2-38: Hdc ea st across, ch-1, turn. End row 38 fasten off.

-make 2 in Gray and 2 in Black. Sew short ends tog of 1 Gray and 1 Black handle. Sew to one side of tote. Rep for other side.



## Abbreviations Used In This Pattern

Ch = Chain

St = Stitch

Sl St = Slip Stitch

Sc = Single Crochet

Hdc = Half Double Crochet

Dc = Double Crochet

Trc = Treble Crochet

Cl = Cluster

Rnd = Round

Beg = Beginning

Rep = Repeat

Bet = Between

Sk = Skip

Dec = Decrease

Ea = Each

Tog = Together

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