Project #3:
Vintage tote bag
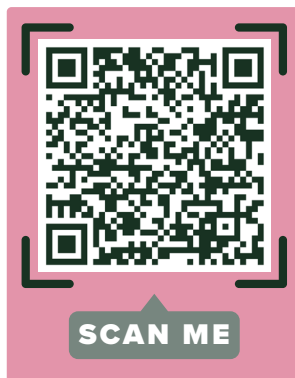
Knit level: Advanced

Get creative and refine your crochet skills to create a functional piece. This project will challenge you with intricate stitches and techniques, resulting in a fashionable tote perfect for a variety of occasions.

Whether it's carrying books to a cafe, packing supplies for a beach day, or simply accenting your daily outfits, this tote is **versatile and elegant.**

Please note that the yarn color in the instructional photos may vary from the color in your box.

*And remember, you can always access your digital pattern with a **quick QR code scan!***

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Materials:

· **Two skeins of Cotton Blossom yarn**
· **US size 6 (4mm) crochet hook (from your previous boxes)**
· **Scissors**
· **Ruler**

Stitches and abbreviations used:

· **Ch - chain**
· **St(s) - stitch(s)**
· **Sc - single crochet**
· **Sl - slip stitch**
· **Dc - double crochet**
· **Lp - loop**
· **Dcinc - double crochet increase, 2 double crochet stitches in the same stitch**
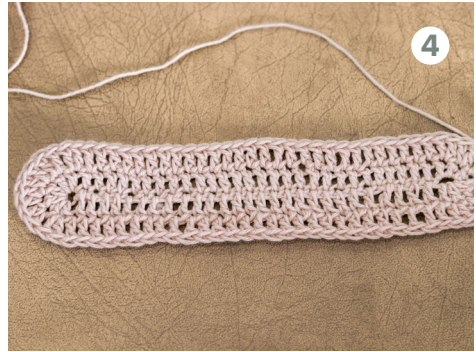
Bag

Ch 32

Round 1

Dc3 in 3rd ch from hook, dc28, dc6 in the last st.

Continue on the bottom of the chain, dc28, dc3 in the last st. Join with sl in the 1st dc. (images 1, 2)

Round 2

Ch2, dc2 in the same st, dcinc in next 2 sts, dc28, dcinc in next 6 sts, dc28, dcinc in next 3 sts, join with sl in the 1st st. (images 3, 4)

Round 3

Ch2, dc2 in the same st, dcinc in next 3 sts, dc32, dcinc in the next 8 sts, dc32, dcinc in the next 4 sts, join with sl in the 1st st.

Round 4

Ch3 (count as a 1st dc), skip 2, dc5 in the next st, *skip 2, dc1 in next st, skip 2, dc5 in the next st.

Repeat * this pattern 15 times around. Join the sl in the 3rd ch of the beginning ch3. (images 5, 6)

Round 5

Ch3 (count as the 1st dc), dc4 in the same st. *Skip 2, dc1 in next st, skip 2, dc5 in the next st.

Repeat * this 15 times around, skip2, dc1 in the next st. Join with the sl in the 3rd ch of the beginning ch3. (images 7, 8, 9)

Round 6

Sl in the next 2 sts, ch3 (count as the first dc), skip 2, dc5 in the 3rd st. *Skip 2 st, dc1 in the next st, skip 2, dc5 in the next st.

Repeat this * pattern till the end of the round.

Join with the sl in the 3rd ch of the beginning ch3.

Rounds 7, 9, 11, 13, 15

Repeat round 5.

Rounds 8, 10, 12, 14, 16

Repeat round 6.
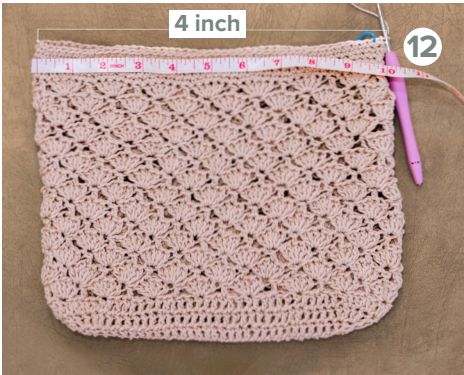
Round 17

Repeat round 5. (image 10)

Round 18

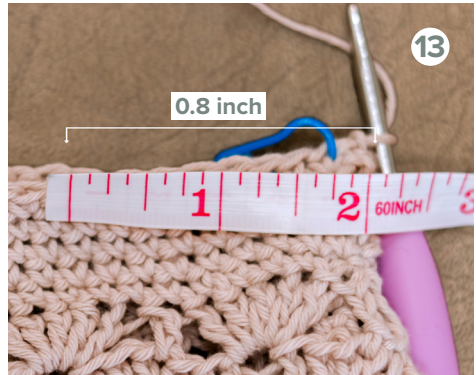Ch1, sc in each st around, place a stitch marker in the 1st st. Sl in the first st. (image 11)
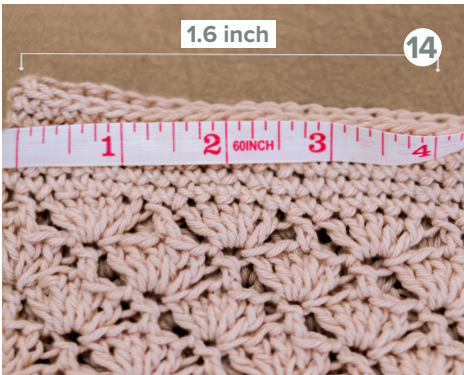
Rounds 19-22

Repeat round 18.

Lay your bag on a flat surface, measure 2 inches in length from both sides and placestitch markers. The same goes for the other side. (images 12, 13, 14, 15)
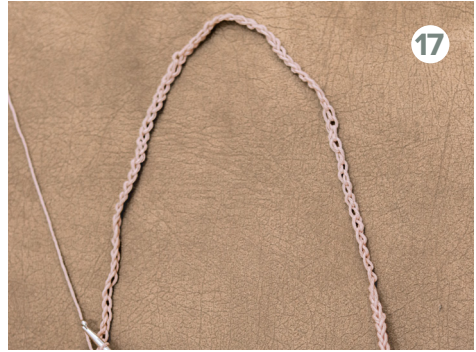
Round 23

Ch1, sc1 in each st before you reach stitch marker, take off stitch marker, sc there and ch 70, take off 2nd stitch marker and sc there, sc1 in each st, before the next stitch marker, take off 3rd stitch marker, sc there and ch70, take off 4th stitch marker and sc there, sc1 in each st, sl in the 1st st.(images 16, 17, 18)

Round 24

Ch1, sc1 in each st all around, sl in the 1st st. (image 20)

Rounds 25 - 29

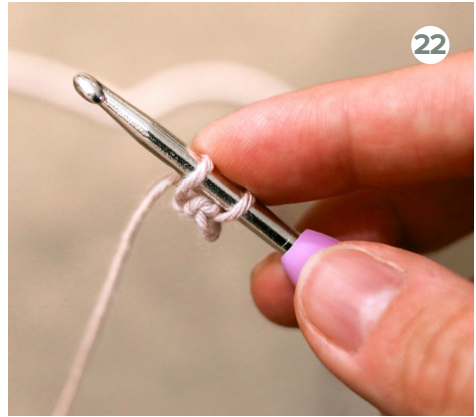Repeat round 24.

Fasten off and weave in all ends.

Bow

Leave a 65" tail at the beginning, and slip knot to create the first ch.

*Take the tail and yarn over from the front to back, draw the working yarn through both lps.

Repeat * this pattern till you reach the desired length. (images 21, 22, 23)

Attach the cord to the bag like a bow, and you're done!