Side One

Side Two

CY1831
COLOUR RUSH DK
TOTE BAG

Measurements

40cm x 38cm (15¾" x 15") excluding strap.

Materials

Yarn A - Cygnet Colour Rush DK x 100g in shade Funshine (662) x 1 ball.
Yarn B - Cygnet DK x 100g in shade Black (217) x 1 ball.
4.5mm crochet hook **or size needed to achieve tension.**
5mm crochet hook
Tape measure.
Tapestry needle for sewing in ends.
Mini bulldog clips/ quilt clips/ clothes pegs for attaching crochet to cotton bag.
Chenille needle for attaching crochet to cotton bag.
Black cotton bag 40cm x 38cm (15¾" x 15")
Cotton fabric 20cm x 15cm (8" x 6") (for optional internal pocket)
Sewing thread (for optional internal pocket)

TENSION

Small size C2C granny square (as detailed in pattern) = 10 cm (4 in).
If your tension is too tight use a larger hook, if too loose use a smaller hook.

PATTERN NOTES

This fun and practical bag is constructed from stripes and corner to corner (C2C) granny squares and lined with a ready-made cotton bag. There are no seams to sew to join the crochet, and a simple whip stitch joins the cotton bag to the crochet exterior. The optional internal pocket provides a handy place for your hook, stitch markers, phone etc.

This pattern uses UK terminology.

Side One squares and the bottom of the bag are joined with the Zipper Join to provide a flat join. For this join the working yarn sits behind your work and you work into the **back loops** of the stitches only. As this is a slip stitch join remember keep your tension loose, going up a hook size helps. 5mm hook is used for this join only.

When joining Side One and Side Two the left- and right-hand edges are joined with dc through both loops on each square; this gives your bag a nice crisp edge.

Where standing stitches are used these may be replaced by a suitable length chain if you prefer.

When attaching the crochet exterior to the ready-made cotton bag it is easier to hold the two halves securely in place with a clip rather than with pins. Mini bulldog clips, quilt clips, or even clothes pegs are helpful for this. A Chenille needle is also helpful at this stage as it has a large eye like a darning needle but a sharper point, which makes light work of piercing the ready-made cotton bag.

PATTERN

SIDE ONE

Large C2C Granny Square
With Yarn A and 4.5mm hook ch4, join with slst to form ring.

Row 1 (RS): Ch4, gr-cl in ring, 1 extr.
Row 2 (WS): Ch4, turn, gr-cl between first and second st, skip gr-cl of previous row, (gr-cl, 1 extr) in last sp.
Row 3 (RS): Ch4, turn, gr-cl between first and second st, gr-cl between gr-cl of previous row, (gr-cl, 1 extr) in last sp.
Row 4 (WS): Ch4, turn, gr-cl between first and second st, gr-cl between each gr-cl of previous row, (gr-cl, 1 extr) in last sp.

Rows 5 – 11: Rep row 4.

Decrease row 1: Ch3, turn, skip 4 sts, gr-cl between each gr-cl of previous row, 1 extr in last sp.
Decrease rows 2 - 10: Rep decrease row 1.
Final row: Ch1, turn, 1 tr in last sp.

Border round (RS): Turn, ch2 (counts as a tr), 1 tr in same sp, 2 tr in each sp along top edge of square – 22tr
(2 tr, ch2, 2 tr) around extr at end of last increase row – this makes first corner sp.
2 tr in each sp along edge, (2 tr, ch2, 2 tr) in starting ring - this makes second corner sp.
2 tr in each sp along edge, (2 tr, ch2, 2 tr) around extr at end of last increase row – this makes third corner sp.

2 tr in each sp along edge, 2 tr in same sp as starting ch2 and tr, ch2, cut yarn and join with an invisible join.

Make four more large squares in the same way, setting one aside for Side 2. Arrange four squares to form one big square placing them RS up and so the diagonal lines of the granny squares form a diamond (Figure 1).

JOIN SQUARES

Using the Zipper Join method join the squares horizontally from right to left and then vertically from bottom to top.

Step 1: Insert **5mm hook** from front to back into back loop of ch before first tr top RH corner of square B (indicated by arrow in Figure 2). Now insert hook from front to back into back loop of ch before first tr bottom RH corner of square C.
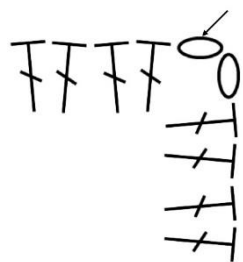

Figure 1

Step 2: Make a slip knot with Yarn B and place on hook. Pull through both stitches on your hook.

Step 3: Insert hook from front to back into back loop of next st of square B, now insert hook from front to back into back loop of next st of square C.

Step 4: Yarn over, pull through all 3 loops on hook.

Figure 2

Rep Steps 3 and 4 until you have joined all sts on this side of squares B and C.

Don't finish off, continue joining squares A and D in the same manner.
Once all four squares are joined on the horizontal line cut yarn and fasten off.

Make the vertical join in the same way starting with the bottom RH corner of square A and the bottom LH corner of square B. When you have joined squares A and B make a ch 1 over the horizontal join and then start joining squares D and C.

BORDER

Round 1: With Yarn B and 4.5mm hook join with a standing dc in ch2 corner sp bottom of square B. 2dc in same sp, *dc in each st along edge of square B. When you reach the corner of square B, 1htr in ch2 corner sp square B, tr2tog placing first "leg" of st in corner of square B and second "leg" of st in corner of square C, 1htr in ch2 corner sp square C. Dc in each st along edge of square C, 3dc in ch2 corner sp. Rep from * on remaining three sides, omitting final 3dc in corner sp. Slst to top of standing dc.

Round 2: Ch 1, dc in same st, 2dc in next st, *dc in each st to corner. Dc in first of 3dc corner from previous round, 2 dc in next (middle) st; rep from * on remaining three sides. Cut yarn and join with invisible join to first dc.

Top and bottom edge only: Join with standing htr in second of 2dc corner from previous round. Htr in each st along edge, making final st in second of 2dc corner from previous round.

Fasten off and sew in all ends.

SIDE TWO

Small C2C Granny Square
With Yarn A and 4.5mm hook work rows 1 – 5 as given for Large C2C square.
Then work decrease row 1 and rep 3 times.
Work Final row and Border as for Large C2C square.
Make three more small squares in the same way.
Arrange squares RS up as shown in Figure 3.

JOIN SQUARES

With Yarn B and 4.5mm hook join with standing tr in any ch2 corner sp of large C2C square. Tr in same sp, *insert hook from front to back in ch2 corner sp of small C2C square. Yarn over, pull through sp and loop on hook. 2tr in same ch2 corner sp of large C2C square to complete corner.
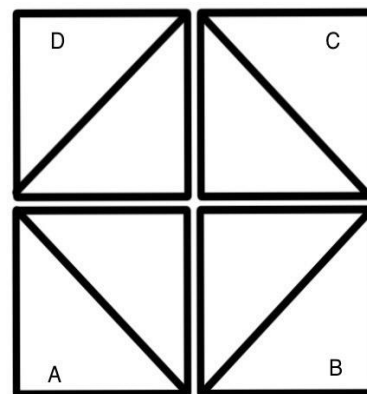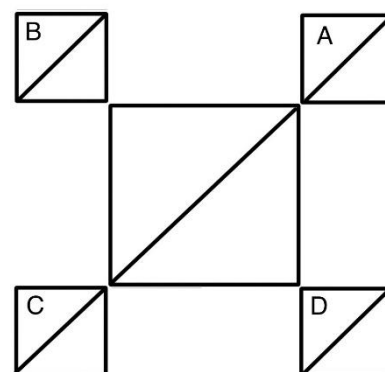

Figure 3

2tr between each 2tr group along edge of large C2C square, 2tr in ch2 corner sp; rep from * until all small C2C squares are joined. 2tr between each 2tr group along last side of large C2C square. Join with invisible join to top of standing tr, cut yarn, and fasten off – 2tr x 11 on each side, (2tr, sl st join, 2tr) in each corner.

WORK STRIPES

Stripes are now worked to fill the rectangular spaces between the small squares. For rows 1-5 yarn is joined between the 2tr groups on LH side of square A (as shown in figure 3) and the row is worked across to RH side of square B where it is joined with a slst between the corresponding 2tr groups. The row is then repeated between squares B – C, C – D, and D - A.

Row 1: With Yarn B and 4.5mm hook join between first and second 2tr groups on small square. Skipping the 2tr of the corner group, 2tr between each 2tr group along edge of large square. Slst between first and second 2tr groups on small square. Cut yarn and fasten off – 12 x 2tr.

Row 2: With Yarn A join between second and third 2tr groups on small square. 2tr between first tr of row below and edge of small square, 2tr between each 2tr group along row. 2tr between last tr of row below and edge of square B (Figure 4). Slst between next two 2tr groups on small square. Cut yarn and fasten off – 13 x 2tr.

Row 3: With Yarn B join between next two 2tr groups on small square. 2tr between each 2tr group along row. Slst between next two 2tr groups on small square. Cut yarn and fasten off – 12 x 2tr.

Figure 4

Row 4: With Yarn B join between next two 2tr groups on small square, then work as Row 2.

Row 5: With Yarn A work as Row 3.

Row 6: With Yarn B join in ch2 corner sp on LH side of square A, then work as Row 2, making final slst into ch2 corner sp square B.

Row 7 (WS): Turn, ch1, 2tr between each 2tr group of previous row, slst into ch2 corner sp square A – 12 x 2tr.

Rep rows 6 and 7 for remaining three sides of large square, cutting yarn and fastening off on **first three sides only.** Fourth side (D -A): After completing Row 7 **do not cut yarn**, turn work.

Round 1 (RS): Ch1, *dc in sp between edge of small square and first tr. Dc in each st along top of row 7. Dc in ch 2 corner sp of small square, dc in each st along edge of small square, 3dc in ch2 corner sp, dc in each st along edge of small square, dc in ch 2 corner sp of small square; rep from *. Cut yarn and join with invisible join – 51 dc per side + 3 dc in each corner sp.

Top and bottom edge only: Join with standing htr in middle of 3dc corner from previous round. Htr in each st along edge, making final st in middle of 3dc corner from previous round.

Fasten off and sew in all ends.

JOIN SIDES ONE AND TWO

Place WS of Side One and Side Two together. Join is worked continuously from top of LH edge down (dc through both loops of both Side One and Side Two squares), along the bottom edge (zipper join), and then up the RH edge to the top (dc through both loops of both Side One and Side Two squares).

Join LH edges: Make a slipknot with Yarn B and place on hook. Insert hook under both loops of last st of top edge of both Side One and Side Two squares. Rotate work 90° so LH edge is now at top and make 1 dc. Dc at base of htr, dc in each st along edge, dc at base of first htr of bottom edge, last dc around post of same htr.

Join bag bottom: Rotate work 90° so bottom edge is now at top and insert hook through back loop only of first st on bottom edge of both Side One and Side Two squares. Yarn over, pull through all 3 loops on hook. Continue as for Zipper Join along bottom edge of squares until all sts have been joined.

Join RH edges: Rotate work 90° so RH edge is now at top, make dc around post of last htr on bottom edge, working through both loops of both Side One and Side Two squares. Dc at base of htr, dc in each st along edge, dc at base of first htr of top edge, dc around post of same htr, rotate work 90° and make last dc in top loops of htr.

Fasten off and sew in ends.

INTERNAL POCKET (OPTIONAL)

Cut a piece of cotton fabric to 20cm x 15cm (8" x 6"). With WS facing make ½cm fold on short side of rectangle and press with iron. Make second ½cm fold on same edge and press with iron. Rep for opposite short side then each long side (Figure 5).

Figure 5

Sew along top (long edge) of rectangle. Turn ready-made cotton bag inside out and pin pocket in chosen position (Figure 6).

Figure 6

Starting at top RH corner sew down RH (short) side, along bottom edge, and up LH (short) side to attach pocket to bag (Figure 7).
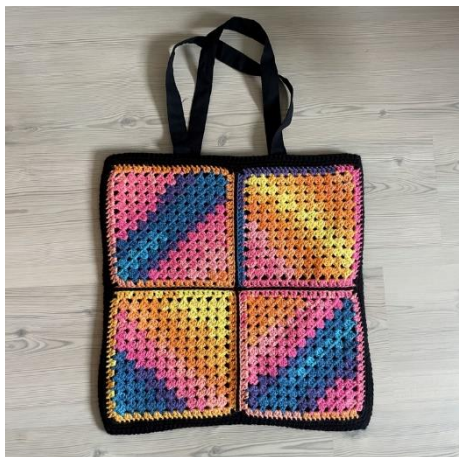

Figure 7

FINISHING

Turn ready-made cotton bag RS out and insert inside crochet piece. Match side seams of bag to side seams of crochet and hold in place with clips or pegs.

Cut a length of Yarn B equal to the circumference of your bag and, using a chenille needle, whip stitch crochet piece to ready-made cotton bag along top edge.

Fasten off, sew in ends and enjoy your new bag!

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