



## Notes:

- Solid parts of bag are worked in continuous rounds but the mesh pattern is joined at the end of each round; sl st to join only where the pattern states to do so. Mark the beginning of rounds as needed in order to keep track of which round you are working.
- Gauge is 4 sts per inch.
- Please visit my blog at [www.micahmakes.com/blog/how-to-make-a-magic-circle](http://www.micahmakes.com/blog/how-to-make-a-magic-circle) for instructions on using the Magic Circle technique.



## Supplies:

- #4 Worsted Weight Cotton Yarn (I used Bernat Handicrafter), approximately 450 yards
- US H Hook
- Stitch Marker
- Yarn needle for sewing in yarn ends

# Summer Squares Beach Tote

## Bottom of Bag

Round 1: 8 Hdc in magic circle. (8)

Round 2: 2 Hdc in each st around. (16)

Round 3: ■ Hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (24)

Round 4: ■ Hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (32)

Round 5: ■ Hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (40)

Round 6: ■ Hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (48)

Round 7: ■ Hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (56)

Round 8: ■ Hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (64)

Round 9: ■ Hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (72)

Round 10: ■ Hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (80)

Round 11: ■ Hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (88)

Round 12: ■ Hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (96)

Round 13: ■ Hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (104)

Round 14 : ■ Hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (112)

Round 15: ■ Hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (120)

Round 16: ■ Hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (128)

Round 17: ■ Hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (136)

Round 18: ■ Hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in next st ■ repeat around. (144)

Round 19-22: Hdc in each st around. (144)

After Round 22 is complete, sc in next st, sl st in next st.

## Mesh Sides and Top of Bag

Round 23: Ch 4 (count as first tr), tr in next st, ch 4, sk next 4 sts, ■ tr in next 2 sts, ch 4, sk next 4 sts ■ repeat around; join with a sl st in 4th ch of initial ch-4.

Round 24: Ch 1, sc in same st and next st, ch 4, sk ch-4 sp, ■ sc in next 2 sts, ch 4, sk ch-4 sp ■ repeat around; join with a sl st in the first sc.

Round 25: Ch 4 (count as first tr), tr in next st, ch 4, sk ch-4 sp, ■ tr in next 2 sts, ch 4, sk ch-4 sp ■ repeat around; join with a sl st in 4th ch of initial ch-4.

Round 26-41: Repeat rounds 24 and 25 alternately.

Round 42: Ch 2 (do not count as a st), hdc in same st and next, 4 hdc in ch-4 sp, ■ hdc in next 2 sts, 4 hdc in ch-4 sp ■ repeat around; do not join. (144)

Round 43-45: Hdc in each st around; do not join. (144) After round 45 is complete, sc in next st, sl st in next st.

## 1st Strap

Row 1: Ch 1, sc in same st and in next 7 sts, ch 1, turn. (8)

Row 2-42: Sc across, ch 1, turn. (8) Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Count over 36 sts to the left, sew strap in that stitch and across to the right. Fasten off and weave in end.

## 2nd Strap

Row 1: Count over 29 sts to the left of where you just sewed the first strap. Attach yarn, sc in same st and in next 7 sts, ch 1, turn. (8)

Row 2-42: Sc across, ch 1, turn. (8) Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Count over 36 sts to the left, sew strap in that stitch and across to the right. Fasten off and weave in end.



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