

## TWINE TOTE



**Material:** 4 x spools of NUTSCENE garden twine in assorted colours (approx 480m twine). Size 5mm crochet hook.

**Finished size:** approx 32cm by 42cm (12" by 16"), but gauge is not that important and you can easily customise the size of the tote by altering the length of the initial.

NOTE: ENGLISH CROCHET TERMS HAVE BEEN USED THROUGHOUT

DC = double crochet

DCTBL = double crochet through the back loop only

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Chain 28 stitches, turn.

1<sup>st</sup> round: DC into the 2<sup>nd</sup> loop from hook, DC to the end.

2 DC on side of last DC, DC all the way on the bottom loops of original chain, 2 DC on side of first DC.

2<sup>nd</sup> round: DC all the way, 2 DC in each end DC, DC to the end, 2 DC in each end DC. (You're crocheting an elongated spiral. The size of the bottom of the bag is determined by the length of the original chain and the numbers of rounds)

3<sup>rd</sup> round: DC all the way to the double DC in previous round, (2 DC in first DC, 1 DC in each next 2 stitches, 2 DC in next DC)\*. DC to the end, repeat \*.

4<sup>th</sup> round: DC all the way to corner (1<sup>st</sup> DC of previous round) (2DC in corner DC, 1 DC, 1DC, 2 DC in next corner)\*. DC all the way to next corner, repeat \*.

5<sup>th</sup> round: DC to corner (this is the first DC of the double DC of previous round), (1 DC, 2 DC in each of the next 4 DC, 1 DC)\*. DC all the way to the next corner, repeat\*.

6<sup>th</sup> round: DC to corner, (2 DC, 2 DC, 1 DC, 1 DC, 2 DC, 2 DC)\*, DC to next corner, repeat \*.

7<sup>th</sup> round: DC to corner, (2 DC, 2 DC, 4 x 1 DC, 2 DC, 2 DC)\*, DC to next corner, repeat \*.

8<sup>th</sup> round: it's not time to start crocheting the side of the tote. When you arrive at the corner: DCTBL all the way around.

Carry on crocheting in the round in DC the side of the tote for as long as you wish.

## CHANGING TWINE COLOUR

If you wish to change colour draw twine over hook (2 loops), draw new colour twine through both loops, carry one as normal using new colour. (Cut the old thread, and

either weave in ends at the end or trap the ends under the new colour whilst you work). (Because we're crocheting a spiral there will be a 'step' when you change colour. Personally I don't think this is a problem, but I try to do this in one of the short sides a little bit out of the way!).

## HANDLES



When you've reached the desired size, it's time to crochet the handles. Chances are your bag will have a different no of stitches (it doesn't matter) this is the method I've used:

- Count the stitches in each side of the tote
- Take away 16 from the total and divide by 2
- I had 51DC,  $52-16=36$ ,  $36:2=18$ . Therefore 18DC
- Chain 35 (or longer if you prefer longer handles)

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- join the chain to the tote on the 18<sup>th</sup>DC from the end, skipping 16 DC in the middle.
- carry on DC in the round and repeat the process on the other side.

Next round: DC in each stitch all around including each chain loop, SKIPPING THE DC AT EACH END OF CHAIN.

Next round: repeat.

Cut twine, fasten off, weave in end.

ENJOY YOUR NEW TOTE!!