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EXPERIENCED

crochet

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 1 skein each 369 Mushroom **A**, 313 Aran **B**, 3949 Reef **C**, 326 Oatmeal **D**, and 3862 Jade **E**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5mm [US H-8]

Pompom maker for 2" [5 cm] and 3" [7.5 cm] pompoms, one 18mm sew-on magnetic snap, Sewing needle and matching thread, 7-8" [18-20.5 cm] piece of heavy cardboard (for making tassels), yarn needle.

GAUGE: 14 sc = about 4" [10 cm]; 12 rows = about 4" [10 cm] in flame stitch pattern (used in body of bag). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

BUY YARN



RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in

solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yds (333 m); stripes, prints, multis and heathers 5 oz (141 g), 236 yds (215 m); flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins



Flame Stitch Bag

This crocheted bag features a chevron or “flame” pattern that is playful while having a sophisticated look. The optional pompoms and tassels give it a boho, on-trend vibe.

Bag measures about 16" [40.5 cm] wide and 13" [33 cm] high, not including handles.

Notes

1. Bag is made from three pieces: Body and two handles.
2. Body of bag is worked from side to side, back and forth in rows, then folded and sides seamed.
3. The flame stitch pattern of the body can be worked by following the written instructions or reading the stitch diagram.
4. The yarn color is changed following stripe sequence.
5. Top band is worked in joined rounds directly onto top edge of body.
6. Handles are worked separately and sewn to body.
7. Bag is embellished with pompoms and tassels.
8. To change yarn color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color.

Special Stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

sc3tog (single crochet 3 stitches together) = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

tr2tog (treble crochet 2 stitches together) = *[Yarn over] twice, insert hook in next st, yarn over and pull up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice; repeat from * once more, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

tr3tog (treble crochet 3 stitches together) = *[Yarn over] twice, insert hook in next st, yarn over and pull up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice; repeat from * 2 more times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

Stripe Sequence for Body of Bag

Work foundation chain and first 2 rows with **A**, *2 rows with **B**, 4 rows with **C**, 2 rows with **B**, 4 rows with **D**, 2 rows with **E**, and 4 rows with **A**; repeat from * once more, then work 2 rows with **B**, 4 rows with **C**, 2 rows with **B**, and 2 rows with **D**.

BODY

With **A**, ch 80 loosely.

Row 1 (wrong side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—79 sc.

Row 2 (right side): With **A**, ch 1, turn, sc in first st, *hdc in next st, dc in next st, 3 tr in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * across; change to **B** in last st.

Rows 3 and 4: With **B**, ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, *3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sc3tog, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * to last 5 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog; change to **C** in last st of Row 4.

Row 5: With **C**, ch 4, turn, skip first st, tr in next st (beginning ch-4 and following tr count as tr2tog), dc in next st, hdc in next st, *sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr3tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st; repeat from * to last 5 sts, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr2tog.

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Rows 6 and 7: With **C**, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.
Row 8: With **C**, repeat Row 2; change to **B** in last st.
Rows 9 and 10: With **B**, repeat Rows 3 and 4; change to **D** in last st of Row 10.
Rows 11-13: With **D**, repeat Rows 5-7.
Row 14: With **D**, repeat Row 2; change to **E** in last st.
Rows 15 and 16: With **E**, repeat Rows 3 and 4; change to **A** in last st of Row 16.
Rows 17-19: With **A**, repeat Rows 5-7.
Rows 20-37: Repeat Rows 2-19.
Rows 38-48: Repeat Rows 2-12.
 Fasten off.

HANDLES (make 2)

With **E**, ch 81.
Row 1: Work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch to last ch, 2 sc in last ch—82 sc.
Rows 2-4: Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st to last st, 2 sc in last st—88 sc in Row 4.
Row 5: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.
Rows 6-9: Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog—80 sc in Row 9.
 Fasten off.

POMPOMS

Make as many pompoms as desired using yarn colors of your choice. Following package instructions make 2" [5 cm] and 3" [7.5 cm] pompoms. Leave ends of pompom tie for attaching pompom to bag.

TASSELS

Make as many tassels as desired using yarn colors of your choice. Wrap yarn color of your choice about 20

times around 7-8" [18-20.5 cm] piece of heavy cardboard. Thread a 14-16" [35.5-40.5 cm] length of yarn under the top of the wraps and tie into a tight knot for top of tassel. Do not cut ends of tie, leave ends for attaching tassel to bag. Slip wraps off of cardboard. Tie a 14-16" [35.5-40.5 cm] length of yarn around wraps about 3/4-1" [19-25 mm] from top for tassel neck. Wrap ends of tie around wraps several times and then draw ends to inside of tassel. Cut the lower ends of the wraps and trim to even.

FINISHING

Weave in ends on wrong side of body. Fold body of bag in half and sew side edges together.
 Top Band
 With right side facing, join **A** with slip st in the top of one of the side seams.
Round 1: Ch 1, work sc evenly spaced all the way around top edge of body; join with slip st in first sc.
Rounds 2-6: Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with slip st in first sc.
 Fasten off.
 Using photograph as a guide, sew ends of handles to outside of top band. Tie pompoms and tassels to top corners of bag. Sew magnetic closure to inside center of top band.
 Weave in any remaining ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

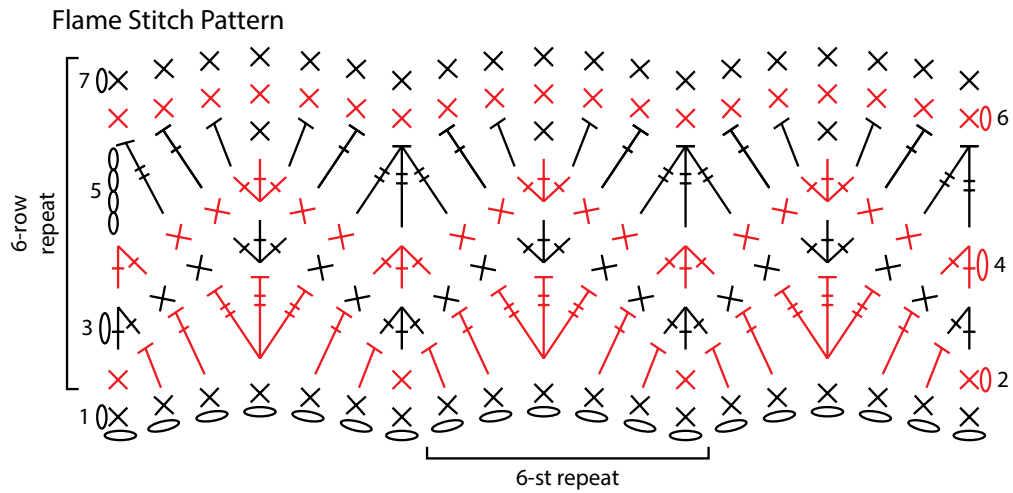
A, B, C, etc. = Color A, B, C, etc.; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tr** = treble (triple) crochet; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

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KEY			
	= chain (ch)		= single crochet 2 together (sc2tog)
	= single crochet (sc)		= single crochet 3 together (sc3tog)
	= half double crochet (hdc)		= treble crochet 2 together (tr2tog)
	= double crochet (dc)		= treble crochet 3 together (tr3tog)
	= treble crochet (tr)		

