

# SALLY'S SHOPPER

\*\*\*\*\* A CARRY-ALL TOTE BAG \*\*\*\*\*  
from The Crochet Works

SIZE: 17 x 11 x 4 inches

MATERIALS: Rug Yarn (I suggest a hard twist yarn like Aunt Lydia's Kodel Polyester or Romis Carpet Mate rather than a soft fluffy craft yarn.)

140 yds Dark Color ---- A

140 yds Med Color ----- B

140 yds Bright Color -- C

Color Ideas: A - brown, B - rust, C - red  
A - navy, B - blue, C - turquoise  
A - rust, B - orange, C - yellow  
A - brown, B - beige, C - cream  
or try red, white and blue!

TOOLS: Size J crochet hook, yarn needle

GAUGE: 3sc = 1 inch  
3 rows sc = 1 inch

NOTE: All rounds are joined with a slip stitch. All new rounds begin with a chain. The first sc is made into the joining st (the same st that the ch is in)

FOUNDATION CHAIN: Starting at center of bottom, with Color A, chain 43.

Rnd 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 40 ch, 3 sc in last ch. Along other side of ch, work 1 sc in next 40 ch, work 3 sc in last ch, join.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in next 41 sc, (SEE NOTE), 3 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 41 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 3 sc in last sc, join.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in next 42 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 43 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in last sc, join.

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in next 43 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 45 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in last 2 sc, join.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in next 44 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 47 sc, 3 sc in next sc,



sc in next 7 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in last 3 sc, join.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, turn. Work 1 sc in each sc around, join. Should have 120 sc.

Rnd 7: Repeat Rnd 6.

Rnd 8 thru 14: Ch 1 (do not turn), work 1 sc in ea sc around, join. Drop A, but do not cut off.

Rnd 15: With Color B, ch 1, sc in 1st sc, \*ch 1, sk 1 sc, sc in next sc, repeat from \* around, join. Drop Color B, but do not cut off.

Rnd 16: With A, ch 1, sc in 1st sc, then work a long sc as follows: insert hook in A sc 2 rows below, (directly below the ch-1 sp), draw up a long loop, yo, thru 2 loops on hook. \*sc in next sc, long sc in next sc 2 rows below, repeat from \* around, join.

Rnd 17: With B, ch 1, sc in ea sc around, join.

Rnd 18: With A, repeat Rnd 15.

Rnd 19: With B, repeat Rnd 16.

Rnd 20: With A, repeat Rnd 17.

Rnd 21: With A, repeat Rnd 15. End off Color A.

Rnd 22: With B, repeat Rnd 16.

Rnd 23: With B, repeat Rnd 17.

Rnd 24: Ch 3, dc in ea sc around, join.

Rnd 25: Ch 2, sk 1st dc, \*sc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc, repeat from \* around, join.

continued on back.....

Rnd 26: Ch 1, \*sc in ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc, repeat from \* around, join. Drop B but do not cut off.

Rnd 27: With C, repeat Rnd 16.

Rnd 28: With B, repeat Rnd 17.

Rnd 29: With C, repeat Rnd 15.

Rnd 30: With B, repeat Rnd 16. End off Color B.

Rnd 31: With C, repeat Rnd 15.

Rnd 32: Ch 1, sc in ea sc around, join.

Rnd 33: Ch 3, dc in 1st sc, \*ch 1, sk 1 sc, dc in next sc, repeat from \* around, join.

Rnd 34: Ch 4, sk 1st dc, \*dc in ch-1 sp, ch 1, repeat from \* around, join.

Rnd 35: Ch 3, repeat Rnd 33.

Rnd 36: Ch 1, sc in ea dc and ch-1 sp around. End off yarn.

HANDLES: Make two.

Measure off 8 lengths of yarn, any color left over, each 17" long. Set aside in groups of two.

With C, ch 51, sc in 2nd ch from hook, lay 2 strands of yarn on top of chain and sc in ea ch across, working over the strands of yarn so they become a filler. This provides a stronger handle. Ch 1, turn, lay 2 more strands on row of sc just worked and sc in ea sc across, working over strands as before. End off yarn.

FINISHING: on inside of bag, pin the ends of the handle to Row 30, with each end about 6 inches apart and about 7 inches in from each end of bag. Sew securely along each side of handle, stitching into the dc and along Row 30 and up the other side. Pull ea row of filler strands firmly and tie the rows together to keep them from slipping out. Cut off any excess.

Fill with a good book, some yarn and a hook, a lunch or snack and you'll be all set to go the dentist, the hairdresser, take a picnic or if you have any money... go shopping.

Have fun!  
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