Noah's Ark Tote Bag

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Skill Level: Intermediate skill required due to complex assembly.

Finished Dimensions:

Approx. 16 ½" long, 8" wide, 8 ½" tall. These dimensions vary as it is a very soft bag.

Abbreviations:

ch = chain
dc = double crochet
dec = decrease
hdc = half double crochet
rep = repeat
rnd = round
sc = single crochet
sk = skip
sl st = slip stitch
st = stitch
US pattern conventions used.

Materials

- G hook (4.25 mm)
- Red Heart Super Saver: 8 oz linen (light tan), about half of an 8 oz. skein coffee (dark brown), small amounts red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple.
- yarn needle
- 2 buttons (3/4")

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Directions

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Ark Base: Stitches are worked around the chain instead of back and forth, do not join rounds. To begin, ch 31 with linen.

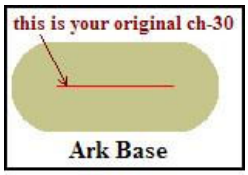

Diagram 1

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, and in each of the next 28 ch. (29 sc) 3 sc in next ch. Turn project so as to work other side of chain. Sc in (unworked side of) next ch, and in each of the next 28 ch. Make 3 sc in the ch you skipped at the very beginning. You should have 64 sc around.

Row 2: Sc 29, 2 sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc in each of the next 29 sc, 2 sc in each of the next 3 sc. (70 sc)

Row 3: Sc 29, 2 sc in each of the next 6 sc, sc in each of the next 29 sc, 2 sc in each of the next 6 sc. (82 sc)

Row 4: Sc 29, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 6 times, sc 29, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 6 times. (94 sc)

Row 5: Sc 32, [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of the next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of the next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] sc 35, rep portion in brackets, sc 3. (102 sc)

Row 6: Sc 34, [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of the next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of the next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of the next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc], sc 39, rep portion in brackets, sc in each of the next 5 sc. (110 sc)

Row 7: Sc 38, [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of the next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc], sc 47, rep portion in brackets, sc 9. (114 sc)

Row 8: Sc 35, [2 sc in next sc, 14 sc, 2 sc in next sc], sc 41, rep portion in brackets, sc 6. (118 sc)

Row 9: Sc in each sc around. (118 sc)

Row 10: Sc 40, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of the next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc 51, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of the next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc 11. (122 sc)

Row 11: Sc in each sc around. (122 sc)

Row 12: Sc in each sc around. (122 sc), sl st in next st, finish off, weave in ends.

Ark Sides: These are worked from the bottom up. (make 2) To begin, ch 73 with linen.

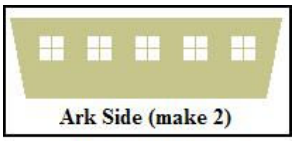

Diagram 2

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch thereafter. (72 sc) Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2-5: Sc in each sc across, ch 1, turn.

Row 6: Ch 1 (for a total of 2 ch), dc in first sc and each sc thereafter. (72 dc) Ch 2, turn.

Row 7: 2 dc in first dc, dc in each of the next dc across. Make a 2nd dc in the last dc. (74 dc) Ch 2, turn.

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Rows 8-10: Dc in each dc across (74 dc), ch 2, turn.

Row 11: 2 dc in first dc, dc in each of the next 7 dc [ch 2, sk 2 dc, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk 2 dc, dc in next dc], *dc in the next 7 dc. Rep portion in brackets. Rep from * 3 more times. Dc in each of the next 8 dc. Ch 2, turn.

Row 12: Dc in each of the next 9 dc. [Ch 2, sk ch-2, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk ch-2, dc in next dc], *dc in each of the next 7 dc, rep portion in brackets, rep from * 3 more times. Dc in each of the next 8 dc, ch 2, turn.

Row 13: Dc in first dc, and each dc and chain across. (75 dc) Ch 2, turn.

Row 14: 2 dc in first dc, and each dc thereafter. Make a 2nd dc in last st. (77 dc) Ch 2, turn.

Row 15: Dc in each dc across, (77 dc) ch 2, turn.

Row 16: Rep Row 15, but do not ch. Finish off, weave in ends.

Strap:

With red, make a 37" chain.
Row 1: Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, and each ch across. Switch to orange, ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Hdc in each hdc across. Switch to yellow, ch 1, turn.

Row 3: Hdc in each hdc across. Switch to green, ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Hdc in each hdc across. Switch to blue, ch 1, turn.

Row 5: Hdc in each hdc across. Switch to purple, ch 1, turn.

Row 6: Hdc in each hdc across. Finish off, weave in ends.

To Assemble to This Point:

1) Match up ark side pieces, wrong sides facing, and hdc up the short sides. (See diagram 3)

Diagram 3

2) Mark 4 center points of Ark Base. Mark center bottom point of each ark side. I used scraps of yarn to mark these points. (See diagram 4)

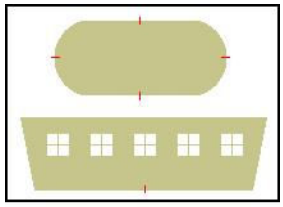
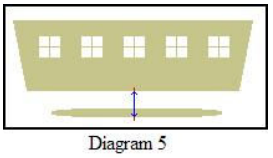


Diagram 4

3) Match up the marked centers of the sides and the long sides of the base, (diagram 5) and, with wrong sides together, hdc the pieces together from the matched center point to the end center point of the base. (diagram 6) There will be excess ark side left unjoined at the end.



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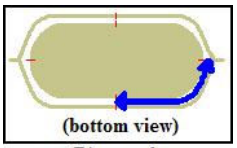

Diagram 6

4) Repeat number 3 three times more.

5) Hdc the open ends together at the bottom (diagram 7) so that your ark is now a big,

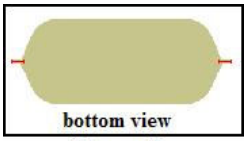

Diagram 7

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pea-pod shaped container, open at the top.

6) Sew up the end ridges so that they stay closed. (diagram 8)

Diagram 8

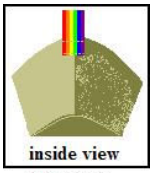

Diagram 9

7) Sew the strap securely down inside each end of the ark. (diagram 9)

Ark Roof

Ark Rim: With coffee, join in top of ark side, the stitch just after the strap. Sl st in each st to next strap, ch 9, sl st in stitch just after the strap, sl st in each st to first strap, ch 9, sl st in stitch just after the strap.

Row 1: Sl st in each sl st and ch around.

Row 2: Sl st in each stitch around. Finish off, weave in ends.

***End Caps*:** (make 2)

Row 1: With coffee, ch 4, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and each of the next 2. (3 hdc) Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Hdc in 1st st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last st. (4 hdc) Ch 1, turn.

Row 3: 2 hdc in 1st st, 1 hdc in each of the next 2 hdc, 2 hdc in last hdc. (6 hdc) ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, hdc 2, 2 hdc in next hdc, hdc. (8 hdc) Ch 1, turn.

Row 5: 2 hdc in 1st hdc, hdc, hdc, 2 hdc in each of the next 2 hdc, hdc, hdc, 2 hdc in last hdc (12 hdc), ch 1, turn.

Row 6: *Hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, hdc, rep from * 3 more times. (16 hdc) Ch 1, turn.

Row 7: 3 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, 3 hdc, 2 hdc in each of the next 2 hdc, 3 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, 3 hdc. (20 hdc) Ch 1, turn.

Row 8: Hdc in each hdc across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 9: Rep row 8, but do not ch. Finish off, weave in ends.To begin, ch 47 with coffee.

Ark Roof (Side 1): Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch thereafter. (46 sc) Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2-3: Sc in each sc across, ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Hdc in each st across, ch 2, turn. (46 hdc)

Row 5-10: Dc in each st across, ch 2, turn. (46 dc)

Row 11: Rep row 5, but do not ch. Finish off, weave in ends.

(Side 2): With coffee, ch 47.

Rows 1-5: Repeat directions for Side 1.

Row 6: Dc 9, ch 32, sk 28 dc, dc 9. Ch 2, turn.

Row 7: Dc 9, (then, working in ch) dc dec across the next 2 ch, dc 4, dc dec across the next 2 ch, dc 16, dc dec across

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next 2 ch, dc 4, dc dec across next 2 ch, dc 9. (46 dc) Ch 2, turn.

Rows 8-10: Dc in each dc across. (46 dc) Ch 2, turn.

Row 11: Dc in each dc across. (46 dc) Do not ch; finish off, weave in ends.

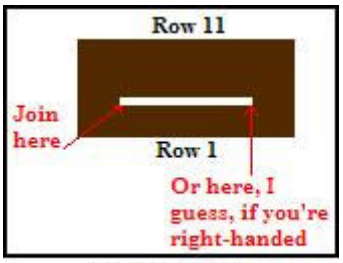

Diagram 10

Flap: Join with a sl st in the first unworked dc of row 5. (see diagram 10)

Row 1: Ch 2, dc in same dc. Dc in each unworked dc across, make a second in last st. (29 dc) Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Hdc 5, ch 4, hdc in next st (no skipping) make 18 hdc, ch 4, hdc in next st (no skipping) make 4 hdc. Finish off, weave in ends.

To Finish Assembly:

1) Mark bottom center of end cap (diagram 11) and match it up with the center of the ch-9 on the ark rim.

Diagram 11

2) Wrong sides facing, hdc the edges together to make a ridge along the rim.

3) Once it's attached, fold the end cap in half vertically and sl st up the fold to form a ridge.

3) Finish off, weave in ends.

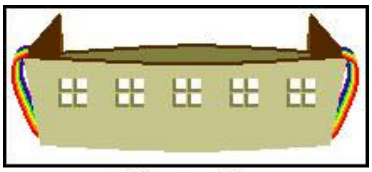
Diagram 12

5) Repeat steps 1 through 4 at other end of ark. (See diagram 12)

6) With wrong sides of the Ark Roof pieces together, hdc together the tops (Row 1) of the pieces.

7) Match peak of Ark Roof (the seam you just made) with peaks of end caps and sc together from the top down. (One row of the Ark Roof should overlap the Ark Rim.)

8) With needle and yarn, sew roof to rim, leaving the overlap free.

9) To finish, sew buttons to ark roof in spots corresponding to the loops made on the Flap.

(Tip: If additional stiffening is desired, it can be achieved by slip stitching along seams such as the peak of the Ark's Roof. I did not perform this step.)

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