CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Kids™: 3 skeins
2945 Bikini

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

GAUGE: 16 hdc = 4" (10 cm) in
pattern; 8 rows = 4" (10 cm).
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any
size hook to obtain the gauge.

4 MEDIUM **RED HEART® Kids™**,
Art. E711 available in
solid color 5 oz
(141 g), 290 yd (265 m); and
print and multicolor 4 oz (113 g),
232 yd (212 m) skeins

Tote for Toys

*When you need to take along a lot of
paraphernalia (like all the beach toys) this
oversized tote bag is just the thing! Crochet it
in a fun multi-color yarn and keep it ready for
good times on the go!*

Tote Bag measures 14" wide x 18" long
(35.5 x 45.5 cm), not including straps

Special Stitch

2-dc Cl (2 double crochet cluster) = Yarn over,
insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and
pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops
on hook (2 loops remain on hook); yarn over,
insert hook in same stitch, yarn over and pull
up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops, yarn
over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

TOTE BAG
Base
Ch 30.
Round 1: (Hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in
3rd ch from hook (beginning ch-2 counts as
first hdc here and throughout), hdc in next 28
ch, (2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in last ch;
working across opposite side of foundation
ch, hdc in next 28 ch; join with slip st in top of
beginning ch-2—68 hdc and 4 ch-2 sps.
Round 2: Ch 2, hdc in next st, (2 hdc, ch 2,
2 hdc) in next ch-2 space, *hdc in each st to
next ch-2 space, (2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in next
ch-2 space; repeat from * twice, hdc in each
st to beginning ch-2; join with slip st in top of
beginning ch-2—84 hdc and 4 ch-2 sps.
Round 3: Ch 2, *hdc in each st to next ch-2
space, (2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in next ch-2
space; repeat from * 3 times, hdc in each st
to beginning ch-2; join with slip st in top of
beginning ch-2—100 hdc and 4 ch-2 spaces.
Rounds 4–6: Repeat Round 3—148 hdc and
4 ch-2 spaces at end the Round 6.
Note: In Round 7, each hdc and ch-2 space
count as a single st when skipping next 3 sts.
Round 7: Ch 3, dc in same st as beginning
ch-3 (counts as first 2-dc cl), ch 3, skip next
3 st, *2-dc cl in next st, ch 3, skip next 3 sts;
repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of
beginning ch-3—38 2-dc clusters.

Round 8: Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 3, *sc in next
st, ch 3; repeat from * around; join with slip st
in first sc—38 sc and 37 ch-3 spaces.
Repeat Rounds 7 and 8 until tote bag
measures 18" (45.5 cm). Do not fasten off.

Straps
Round 9: Ch 1, sc in first sc, 3 sc in next ch-3
space, *sc in next sc, 3 sc in next ch-3 space;
repeat from * around; join with slip st in first
sc—148 sc.
Round 10: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and
throughout), dc in each st around; join with
slip st in top of beginning ch-3—148 dc.
Round 11: Ch 1, sc in each st around; join
with slip st in first sc.
Round 12: Ch 3, dc in first 36 sts, ch 74, skip
next 37 sts, dc in next 37 sts, ch 74, skip next
37 sts; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-
3—74 dc.
Round 13: Ch 1, sc in first 37 sts, sc in next
74 ch, sc in next 37 sts, sc in next 74 ch; join
with slip st in first sc—222 sc.
Round 14: Ch 3, dc in each st around; join
with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—222 dc.
Round 15: Ch 1, sc in each st around; join
with slip st in first sc.
Round 16: Slip st in each st around; join with
slip st in first slip st. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Block to finished
measurements.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half
double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **sp(s)**
= space(s); **st(s)** = stitch(es); **( )** = work
directions in parentheses into same st; ***** =
repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.