Caron® Coconut Cakes™ Crochet Checker It Out Bag

Skill level: Easy

Time Required: Over an hour

Time to complete: 10 hours

QUANTITIES NEEDED
- 1 ball – Tutti-Frutti (84002)
- 1 ball – Sugar Teal (84005)

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 12" x 12" x 3" [30.5 x 30.5 x 7.5 cm], excluding Strap.

MATERIALS
Caron Coconut Cakes (8 oz/227 g; 481 yds/440 m)

Contrast A Tutti-Frutti (84002)	**1 ball or 335 yds/307 m**
Contrast B Sugar Teal (84005)	**1 ball or 350 yds/320 m**

Size U.S. 7 (4.5 mm) crochet hook (10248673) **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Yarn needle (10031585). Stitch markers (10523765).

GAUGE: 16 sc and 16 rows = 4" [10 cm].

INSTRUCTIONS

Note: When working from chart and joining new color, work to last 2 loops on hook of last st. Draw new color through 2 loops, then proceed in new color.

BAG BASE
With A, ch 13.

Work Chart, noting each square of chart is equal to 1 sc and reading RS rows from *right* to *left* and WS rows from *left* to *right*. Carry color not in use across top of entire previous row and work sts around it. This will ensure even gauge as all sts will be worked around an extra strand of yarn held across top of previous row. Carry both colors up side of work.

Row 1: (Row 1 of Chart - RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 12 sc.
Row 2: (Row 2 of Chart - WS). Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.
Rep last row until Row 6 of chart is complete.

Rep last 6 rows of Chart Pat until Bag Base measures approx 12" [30.5 cm], ending with either Row 3 or Row 6. Fasten off.

STRAP & SIDES
With A, ch 13.
Work Chart as noted for Bag Base.

Row 1: (Row 1 of Chart - RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 12 sc.
Row 2: (Row 2 of Chart – WS). Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.
Rep last row until Row 6 of chart is complete.

Rep last 6 rows of Chart Pat until Strap measures approx 12" [30.5 cm], ending with either Row 3 or Row 6 of chart. PM on each end of last row. Cont in Chart Pat, until Strap measures approx 36" [91.5 cm], ending with either Row 3 or Row 6 of chart. PM on each end of last row. Cont in Chart Pat until Strap measures approx 48" [122 cm], ending with Row 3 or Row 6 of chart. Fasten off.

FRONT & BACK PANELS
With A, ch 49.

Work Chart as noted for Bag Base.

Row 1: (Row 1 of Chart - RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 48 sc.
Row 2: (Row 2 of Chart – WS). Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.
Rep last row until Row 6 of chart is complete.

Rep last 6 rows of Chart Pat until work from beg measures approx 12" [30.5 cm], ending with either Row 3 or Row 6 of chart.
Next row: With B only, 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Fasten off.

FINISHING
Join Bag Base to Front & Back Panels:
With RS of Base facing, place lower edge of Front Panel behind long edge of Base with WS of work tog, aligning corner of Base with corner of Front Panel.
Row 1: Join B with sl st. Ch 1. Working through both thicknesses, work sc evenly across edge. Fasten off.

Rep to join Base to Back Panel.

Join Strap & Sides to Bag Base:
With RS of Base facing, place beg edge of Strap & Sides behind short edge of Base with WS of work tog, aligning corner of Bottom with corner of Strap.

Row 1: Join B with sl st. Ch 1. Working through both thicknesses, work sc evenly across edge. Fasten off.
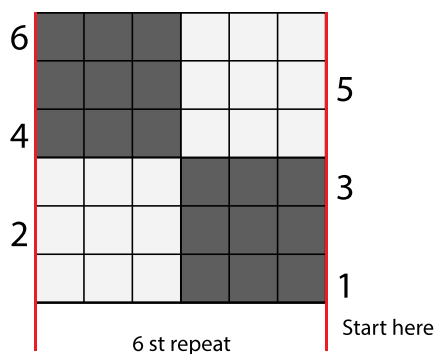
Rep to join opposite end of Strap & Sides to Base.

Join Strap & Sides to Front & Back Panels:
Align top corners of Front and Back Panels to rows marked with st markers on Strap & Sides. Pin pieces tog if desired. Beg at bottom right corner of Panel, join B with sl st.
Row 1: Beg at bottom right corner of Front Panel, join B with sl st. Ch 1. Working through both thicknesses, work sc evenly up edge of Front Panel, across single edge of Strap, and down opposite edge of Front Panel. Fasten off.

Rep for other side.

6 st repeat
Start here

■ Contrast A

□ Contrast B

ABBREVIATIONS

Approx = Approximate(ly)
Beg = Beginning
Ch = Chain(s)
Cont = Continue(ity)
Contrast A = Tutti-Frutti (84002)
Contrast B = Sugar Teal (84005)
Pat = Pattern
PM = Place Marker
Rep = Repeat
RS = Right Side
Sc = Single Crochet
Sl st = Slip Stitch
St(s) = Stitch(es)
Tog = Together
WS = Wrong Side