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# HOLIDAY pattern



Take things easy with this quick and simple project by Cara Medus... perfect for making, and taking, on holiday.





## BEACH BAG

**YARN** Rico Design, Fashion Big Cotton Super Chunky (50% cotton, 50% acrylic, 100g/50m)

2 balls of each: Grey (004), Clay (003)  
1 ball of each: Navy Blue (006), Red (011), White (001)

**HOOK** A 10mm crochet hook

**MEASUREMENTS** Finished bag measures 28cm across base x 47cm

### BASE

With Grey, make a magic loop and ch 3.

**Round 1** Work 11 tr into the loop and ss to the 3rd ch at the beg of the round to join. Pull up the magic loop to close the hole as much as possible. [12 sts]

**Round 2** Ch 3, tr 1 into the base of that ch, \*tr 2 into the next tr of the previous round; rep from \* another 10 times to the end of the round, ss to the 3rd ch at the beg of the round to join. [24 sts]

**Round 3** Ch 3, \*2 tr into the next st, 1 tr in next; rep from \* until the last st of the round, 2 tr in the last st. Ss to the 3rd ch at the beg of the round to join. [36 sts]

**Round 4** Ch 3, 1 tr in next, 2 tr in next. \*2 tr, 2 tr in next; rep from \* until the end of the round, ss to the 3rd ch at the beg of the round to join. [48 sts]

**Round 5** Ch 3, 2 tr, 2 tr in next. \*3 tr, 2 tr in next; rep from \* until the end of the round, ss to the 3rd ch at the beg of the round to join. [60 sts]

**Fasten off.**

### GRANNY SQUARES (MAKE 8)

Make each square with three different colours (A, B and C). Use random colour combinations of each, but try to use each of the five available colours in equal quantities. Set aside 1 ball of Clay to use to make the bag tie.

With colour A, ch 4, ss to the first ch to join into a ring.

**Round 1** Ch 3, 2 tr into ring, ch 2, \*3 tr into ring, ch 2; rep from \* another two times, ss to the third ch to join. Fasten off.

**Round 2** With colour B, ss to join the new colour into one of the 2 ch sp of the previous round. In that ch sp work the following: ch 3, 2 tr, ch 2, 3 tr, ch 2. \*In the next ch sp, work the following: 3 tr, ch 2, 3 tr, ch 2; rep from \* another two times, ss to the third ch to join. Fasten off.

**Round 3** With colour C, ss to join the new colour into one of the corner ch sps of the previous round. In that ch sp work the following: ch 3, 2 tr, ch 2, 3 tr, ch 2. \*In the next ch sp work the following: 3 tr, 2 ch. In the next corner ch sp work the following: 3 tr, 2ch, 3 tr, 2 ch. Rep from \* until the last ch sp of the round, 3 tr in that space, ch 2 and ss to the third ch to join.

**Fasten off.**

Join a set of four squares into a strip, and join the squares at each end together to make a ring. Use a different colour for each seam, and join using a slip stitch seam, by holding the squares wrong sides together and picking up only one loop from each of the stitches on each square to avoid a bulky seam. Repeat for the other four squares, and then join the two rings of four squares together along the long edge using Grey and a slip stitch seam.

Join the base to the ring of eight squares using Grey and a slip stitch seam. Try to distribute the stitches evenly. You will find this works if you match 15 sts of the circle base to the edge of one square. (Skip one st on each of the central ch sps of the square.)

### BAG TOP

Rejoin any remaining colour of yarn to the top of the granny squares at a seam. You will need approx 10m of yarn for each round.

**Round 1** Ch 3 and 2 tr into the top of the seam, ch 2. Work 3 tr and 2 ch into all of the granny square spaces, with 3 tr into the top of each seam between the squares. Ss to the 3rd ch at the beginning of the round to join. Fasten off.

**Round 2** (For threading bag tie) Rejoin another colour of yarn into one of the ch sps of the previous round. Ch 3 and 2 tr into the first ch sp, ch 2; continue with 3 tr and 2 ch in each ch sp and ss to the 3rd ch at the beginning of the round to join. Fasten off.

**Round 3** Rejoin Clay into ch sp and ch 3. Tr into the same ch sp. Cont a round of plain treble with 2 tr in every ch sp, and a tr in every tr of the previous round. Ss to the 3rd ch at the beginning of the round to join. Fasten off.

**Round 4** Rejoin Grey and ch 3. Skip st at base of ch and work 1 tr in each st of previous round. Ss to the 3rd ch at the beginning of the round to join. Fasten off.

### BAG TIE

With Clay, make a ch measuring approx 145cm long. Beginning in the second ch from the hook, work a row of dc all along the chain. Fasten off.

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in all loose ends.

Thread the bag tie through the row of ch sps at the top of the bag so that both ends emerge at the same point. Sew the ends of the tie securely to the seam at the base of the bag.