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## PROUD TOTE BAG

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## DESIGN

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## YARN

53 \% merino wool, 47 \% Egyptian cotton, 50 grams = approx. 115 metres

## SIZE

Approx. $32 \times 38 \mathrm{~cm}$

## YARN REQUIREMENTS

5 balls

COLOUR
Cinnamon 3046

## SUGGESTED HOOK SIZES

4 mm and 5 mm crochet hooks

## GAUGE

20 tr with 4 mm hook $=10 \mathrm{~cm}$
10 "squares" of $1 \mathrm{ch}+1 \mathrm{tr}$ with 4 mm hook $=10 \mathrm{~cm}$

Check your gauge by working a swatch.
Count the number of sts per 10 cm; if you have more sts than suggested, change to a larger needle size. If you have fewer sts change to a smaller needle size.

## ABBREVIATIONS

st $=$ stitch, $\mathrm{R}=$ row, ch $=$ chain stitch, $\mathrm{tr}=$ treble crochet dc = double crochet

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FRONT
Cast on 66 ch sts using a 4.5 mm crochet hook. Change to a 4 mm hook.
R1: Work 1 tr through the 5th ch from the hook ( $=1 \mathrm{tr}+$ $1 \mathrm{ch}+1 \mathrm{tr})$, work *1 ch, skip $1 \mathrm{ch}, 1 \mathrm{tr}$ through next tr*, repeat from*_* to end of round $=32 \mathrm{tr}+31 \mathrm{ch}$ sts. Turn.
R2: Work 4 ch sts ( $=1 \mathrm{tr}+1 \mathrm{ch}$ ), 1 tr through next tr, *1 ch, skip 1 ch, 1 tr through next tr*, repeat from *-* to end of R Turn.
Repeat R2 until your work measures approx. 20 cm . Work the next R as follows: **Work 4 ch sts ( $=1 \mathrm{tr}+1 \mathrm{ch}$ ), 1 tr through next tr, *1 ch, skip $1 \mathrm{ch}, 1$ tr through next tr*, repeat from *-* a total of 6 times. *Skip 1 ch, 1 ch, crochet 1 tr through each of the next $32+31 \mathrm{tr} / \mathrm{ch}$ sts. Work *1 ch skip 1 tr in the next tr*, repeat from *-* to end of $\mathrm{R}^{* *}$. Repeat from **_** until the piece measures approx. 30 cm . Repeat R2 until your work measures approx. 38 cm .

## BACK

Worked in the same way as the front.

## SIDE PANELS/BOTTOM

Cast on 21 ch sts using a 4.5 mm crochet hook. Change to a 4 mm hook.

R1: Work 1 tr through the 4th ch from the hook. Then work 1 tr in each ch $=19 \mathrm{tr}$. Turn

R2: Work 3 chs = 1 tr, then 1 tr through each tr. Turn.
Repeat R2 until the piece is as long as from one top corner of the front piece, down around the bottom and back up to the other top corner.

## STRAPS

Cast on 11 ch sts using a 4.5 mm crochet hook. Change to a 4 mm hook.
R1: Work 1 tr through the 4th ch from the hook. Then work 1 tr in each ch $=9 \mathrm{tr}$. Turn.
R2: Work $3 \mathrm{chs}=1 \mathrm{tr}$, then 1 tr through each tr. Turn
Repeat R2 until the piece measures 40 cm .
Work 1 more strap in the same way

## ASSEMBLY

Using a 4 mm hook, attach the side and bottom pieces as follows: Insert your hook in through the side/bottom piece, and work dc around 1 tr from the side panel and 1 tr from the front or back piece.
Work 2 dc through every tr along the length of the edge. Repeat along the other side. NOTE! Make sure you insert your hook through the side panel so that the dc edge faces the side panel both on the front and on the back.
Work an edge around the top opening in the same way. Attach the two straps, one to the front piece and one to the back piece, inside the edge approx. 5-6 cm in from each side. Use topstitching or split stitch to embroider a word or phrase into the "square" of trs on the middle of the tote bag.

