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**AREQUIPA BOUCLE AND WORSTED
Crochet Tote**



Approximate Measurements: *after blocking*
7" wide x 66" long

Materials:

Arequipa Boucle: 3—100G balls, color 104 Lt Grey

Arequipa Worsted: 1—100G balls, color 304 Lt Grey

ABBREVIATIONS: beg= begin(ning), CH= chain, cont= continue, DC= double crochet, dec= decrease, HDC= half double crochet, inc= increase, m= marker, mm= millimeter, patt= pattern, pm= place marker, rem= remain(ning), rep= repeat, Rnd/rnd=round, RS= right side, SC= single crochet, Sl/sl = slip, st(s) = stitch(es), tbl = through back loop, tog = together, WS= Wrong Side

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Gauge: 11 HDCs= 4" on US Size H (5mm) crochet hook using Arequipa Boucle *after blocking*.

16 DCs= 4" on US Size G (4.5mm) crochet hook using Arequipa Worsted *after blocking*.

Needles: US Size G (4.5mm) and H (5mm) crochet hook

Begin

Base: With Boucle and larger hook, CH 4, sl st into 1st CH to make a ring.

Rnd 1: CH 1 to get to the next level. Work 6 SCs in the ring. Skip over the CH and sl st into the first SC. (6 SCs)

Rnd 2: CH 1, 2 SCs in each SC, skip over the CH and sl st into the first SC. (12 SCs)

Rnd 3: CH 1, *2 SCs in SC, SC in SC; rep from * around. Sl st into first SC. (18 SCs)

Rnd 4: CH 1, *2 SCs in SC, SC in 2 SCs; rep from * around. (24 SCs)

Rnd 5: CH 1 *2 SCs in SC, SC in 3 SCs; rep from * around. (30 SCs)

Cont in this manner inc until you have 66 SCs.

Body: Change to HDCs and work in rnds without inc until work measures 5" from the base. When sl stitching into the first st of the last row, use worsted with the smaller hook.

Rnd 1: CH 1, working in SC, inc to 96 sts (work 2 SCs in about every other st). Sl st into first CH.

Rnd 2: CH 2 (counts as a DC), DC in the same st, skip 2 SCs, *(2 DCs in next SC) 2 times, skip 2 SCs *; rep from * - * across, ending with 2 DCs in the last st.

Rnd 3: CH 2, DC in the same st, skip 2 DCs, *(2 DCs in the next DC) 2 times, skip 2 DCs*; rep from * - * across, ending with 2 DCs in the last st.

Rep Row 3 once, ready to begin the next row with larger hook and Boucle.

Rnd 1: HDC around, dec to 54 HDCs. *Work in every other st approximately 6 times, don't skip the next st and rep from *, adjusting at the end, if necessary.

Rnd 2: Rep Rnd 1.

Rnd 3: 22 HDCs, skip 5 sts, CH 5, 22 HDCs, skip 5 sts, CH 5, sl st to beg CH using smaller hook and Worsted.

These openings form the slits where you will insert the strap ends. SC around, inc to 64 sts. Work rnds 2 and 3 as you did in the earlier section using Worsted until you have worked the pattern 5 times. Fasten off.

Strap: With Boucle and larger hook, CH 6. Insert hook into the 3rd CH from the hook and HDC. HDC across the row. CH 2 (counts as HDC) and HDC across the row. Rep this row until strap measures 40" or desired length. Fasten off. Insert the ends of the strap into the slits you have made in the last boucle section and sew into place.

Drawstring: With Worsted, CH for about 27". Turn and Sl st into each CH. Work the drawstring into the holes formed in the middle of the top Worsted section.

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