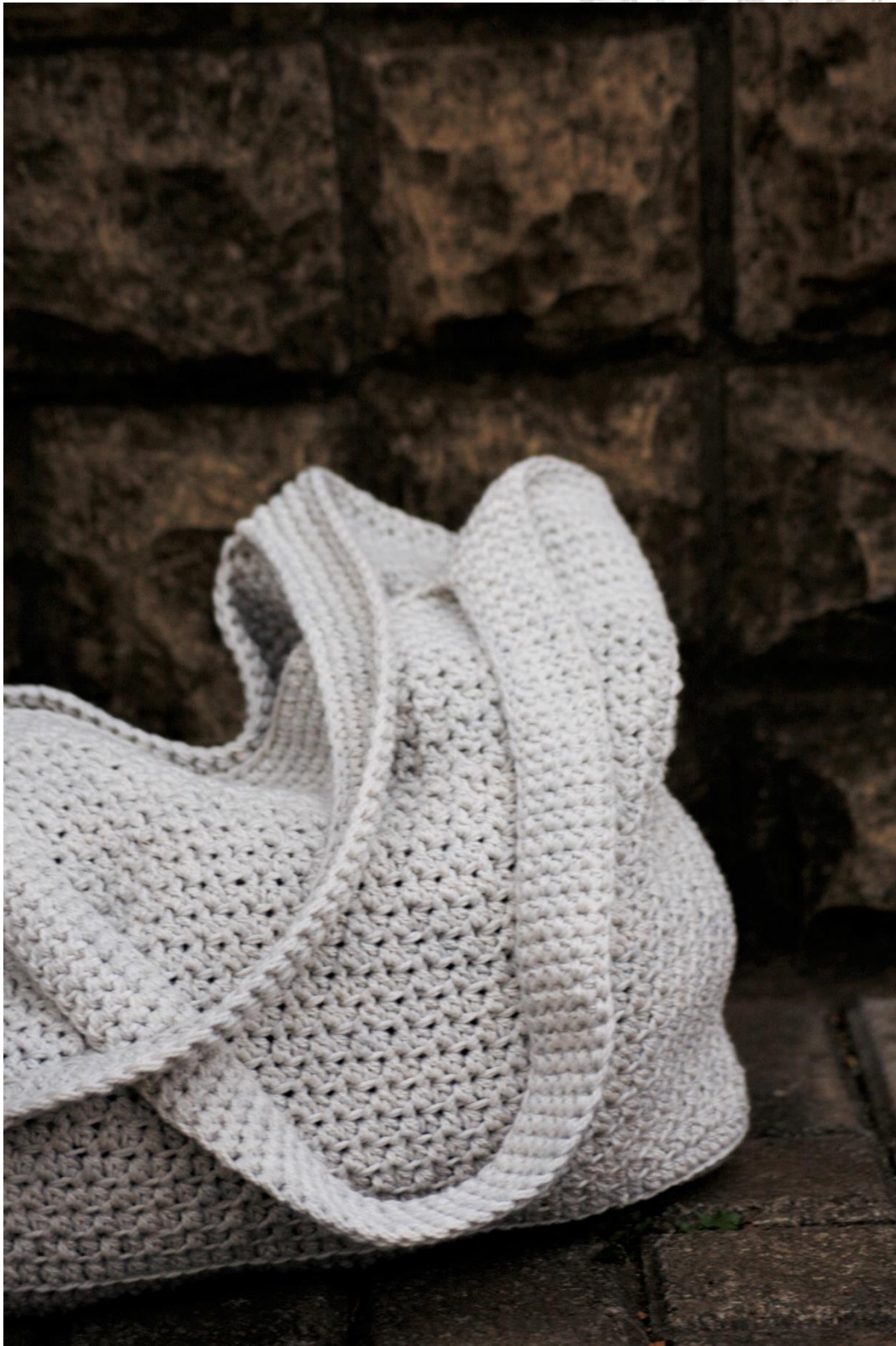


NURTURING FIBRES

Portobello Tote



Colour used: Eco-Cotton in Mist
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PATTERN DIFFICULTY

Advanced Beginners

MEASUREMENTS

Pattern Sizes:

One size Only

Completed measurements:

Width: 50cm

Depth: 30cm

MATERIALS

Nurturing Fibres Eco-Cotton

50g/125m balls

10x balls in Mist

Hook: 4.50mm

Tapestry Needle

Scissors

4 Stitch Markers

ABBREVIATIONS

blo – back loop only

ch – chain

dc – double crochet

flo – front loop only

htr – half treble

RS – right side

slst – slip stitch

st/s – stitch/es

tr – treble

WS – wrong side

IMPORTANT! PATTERN NOTES

- Pattern is written in UK terminology
- Work ch3 at the beginning of tr rounds. This counts as a stitch.
- Work 1ch at the beginning of dc rounds. This does not count as a stitch
- The pattern is worked with two strands of yarn throughout.
- When doing the bottom, count every round after completion.



INSTRUCTIONS

BOTTOM

Using a 4.50mm hook, and two strands of yarn, loosely make 29ch.

Round 1: Insert hook in 4th ch from hook, work 1tr, 1tr in the next 24 ch, 7tr in the next ch, (*now working on the opposite side of the foundation ch*), 1tr in the next 24 ch, 5tr in the last ch, close with a slst in the 3rd ch. (62sts)

Round 2: Ch3, 1tr in each of the next 27 sts, (3tr in next st) 3 times, 1tr in the next 28 sts, (3tr in next st) 3 times, close with a slst in the 3rd ch. (74sts)

Round 3: Ch3, 1tr in next 27 sts, 2tr in next st, 1tr in next st, (2tr in next 2 sts, 1tr in next st) twice, 2tr in next st, 1tr in next 28 sts, 2tr in next st, 1tr in next st, (2tr in next 2 sts, 1tr in next st) twice, 2tr in next st, close with a slst in 3rd ch. (86sts)

Round 4: Ch3, 1tr in the next 29 sts, (2tr in next st, 1tr in next st) 5 times, 2tr in next st, 1tr in next 32 sts, (2tr in next st, 1tr in next st) 6 times, 1tr in last st, close with slst in 3rd ch. (98sts)

Round 5: Ch3, 1tr in the next 28 sts, (2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 2 sts) twice, 2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 5 sts, (2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 2 sts) twice, 2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 30 sts, (2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 2 sts) twice, 2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 5 sts, (2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 2 sts) twice, 2tr in the next st, 1tr in the last st, close with a slst in the 3rd ch. (110 sts)

Round 6: Ch3, 1tr in the next 29 sts, (2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 3 sts) twice, 2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 6 sts, (2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 3 sts) twice, 2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 31 sts, (2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 3 sts) twice, 2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 6 sts, (2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 3 sts) twice, 2tr in the next st, 1tr in the last st, close with a slst in the 3rd ch. (122 sts)

Round 7: Ch3, 1tr in the next 30 sts, (2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 4 sts) twice, 2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 7 sts, (2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 4 sts) twice, 2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 32 sts, (2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 4 sts) twice, 2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 7 sts, (2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next 4 sts) twice, 2tr in the next st, 1tr in the last st, close with a slst in the 3rd ch. (134 sts) Fasten off.

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SIDES

With RS facing, using a 4.50mm hook, and 2 strands of yarn, join yarn to the back loop of any st.

Round 1: Ch3, work 1blo-htr in each st around, DO NOT CLOSE with a slst. (134 sts)

The following rounds will be worked in a spiral, do not close with a slst, but simply continue in a spiral. Use a stitch marker to mark the first st of each round.

Round 2: *1blo-htr in next st, 1flo-htr in next st*, continue in this manner until the body of the bag measures approx. 22 – 23 cm.

Next rounds: Still working in in a spiral, work 5 rounds of dc's.

Before continuing, fold the bottom of the bag in half, with the wide side sections facing. Mark the position of the straps with stitch marker.

On front left side, place a stitch marker, count 33sts, place another stitch marker, count another 32 sts, place a stitch marker, count another 33 sts, place the last stitch marker.

There should be four stitch markers, two on the front, two at the back. Fold the bag in half again and make sure that the front and back stitch markers match up. Play around until they match up perfectly.

With the side of the bag facing (depending on where the last stitch was worked, work a dc in each st to the first marker (including the marked st), ch75 (for the handle), sk the next 32 sts, insert hook in the same st as the stitch marker, work 1dc in the this and the next sts to the next marker (including the marker), ch75 (next handle), sk the next 32 sts to the next marker, insert hook in the same st as the next marker and continue to work in dc's.

Next round: Work in dc's to the ch, work 1dc in each ch across, work in dc's in each st to the next ch, work 1dc in each ch across, continue in dc's. Continue working in a spiral until each handle has five rows. Finish up by working 2 slsts across the next 2 dc's. Fasten off. The sides of the bag should now have 10 rounds of dc's, and the handles should have 5 each.

FINISH UP

Weave in all loose ends.



ABOUT THE YARNS

Eco-Cotton is a softly spun yarn with 125 meters to a ball. It is 100% cotton and lovingly hand-dyed in South Africa.

Stockists of our yarn are listed on our webpage www.nurturingfibres.com

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