

# MODA-DEA®

## Crochet Felted Tote

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## Bamboo Wool™

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INTERMEDIATE 

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**Finished tote measures approximately 14 1/2" wide x 10 1/2" high, excluding handles.**

**MODA DEA® "Bamboo Wool"™:** 4 Balls No. 3620 Celery **MC**, 1 ball each No. 3702 Boysenberry **CA** and No. 3650 Bamboo **CB**.

**Crochet Hook:** 5mm [US H-8].  
Yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 14 sts = 4"; 10 rows = 4" in hdc. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

**BASE:** With **MC**, ch 41 very loosely (this is important for felting to work correctly).

**Rnd 1:** Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (counts as 2 hdc), hdc in next 37 ch, 5 hdc in last ch; working into rem loops on opposite side of ch, work hdc in next 37 ch, 3 hdc in last ch; join with sl st to top of ch-2 – 84 sts.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in next 38 hdc, 2 hdc in each of next 3 hdc, hdc in next 39 hdc, 2 hdc in each of last 3 hdc; join – 90 sts.

**Rnd 3:** Ch 2, hdc in next 39 hdc, 2 hdc in each of next 4 hdc, hdc in next 40 hdc, 2 hdc in each of next 4 hdc, hdc in last 2 hdc; join – 98 sts.

**Rnd 4:** Ch 2, hdc in next 40 hdc, 2 hdc in each of next 6 hdc, hdc in next 41 hdc, 2 hdc in each of next 6 hdc, hdc in last 4 hdc; join – 110 sts.

**BODY of TOTE-Rnd 1:** Ch 2, hdc in back loop of each hdc around; join.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 2, hdc in each hdc around; join.  
Rep Rnd 2 six times more.

**Next Rnd:** Ch 2, hdc in next 9 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, [hdc in next 10 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc] 9 times; join – 120 sts.

Rep Rnd 2 eight times more.

**Next Rnd:** Ch 2, hdc in next 5 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, [hdc in next 7 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 6 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc] 7 times, hdc in next 7 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc; join – 136 sts.

Rep Rnd 2 until 14 1/2" from Rnd 1 of Body. Fasten off.  
Tote will measure approximately 21" wide x 14 1/2" high.

**STRAPS (Make 2):** With **MC**, ch 14; join with sl st to first ch to form a ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 2, 13 hdc in ring; join with sl st to top of ch-2 – 14 sts.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 2, hdc in each hdc around; join.  
Rep Rnd 2 until Strap measures 35". Fasten off.

**FLOWERS (Make 3):** With **CA**, ch 31.

**Row 1:** 2 Dc in 4th ch from hook, 3 dc in each ch to end. Fasten off.

**LEAVES (Make 5):** With **CB**, ch 10.

**Rnd 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch, tr in next 2 ch, dc in next 2 ch, 5 dc in last ch; working into rem lps on opposite side of ch, dc in next 2 ch, tr in next 2 ch, dc in next 2 ch, hdc in next ch, sc in last ch; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

**SHORT STEM (Make 1):** With **CB**, ch 27. Turn ch on its side and work sl st in each horizontal "bump" in back of each ch. Fasten off.

**LONG STEMS (Make 2):** With **CB**, ch 38. Work same as Short Stem.

**FINISHING:** To secure top edge of tote before felting, thread a length of matching yarn through final row and ease in top edge slightly.

**Felting:** Weave in all yarn ends. Set your washing machine at lowest water level (enough to just cover pieces), hottest temperature and highest agitation. Place flowers and stems in a laundry bag together. Put laundry bag, tote, straps and an old towel (for added abrasion) into washer. Using a small amount of liquid detergent, begin washing and check on pieces approx every 5 minutes until desired felting of fabric is achieved: the stitch definition should be almost unrecognizable. Remove pieces and rinse by hand in lukewarm water. Roll pieces in towels to remove excess water. Dry flat.

Coil Flowers into rose shapes and stitch together through all thicknesses. Pin Flowers, Stems and Leaves in position as shown; sew in place. Sew ends of handles securely to the wrong side of the tote 2" in from sides, having handle ends extend into bag approximately 2".



**MODA DEA® "Bamboo Wool"™**, Art. R167 (2.8 ounce/145 yard ball).

**ABBREVIATIONS:** **CA**, **CB** = color A, B; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **lp(s)** = loop(s); **MC** = main color; **mm** = millimeters; **rem** = remaining; **rep** = repeat; **rnd** = round; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **tr** = treble crochet; **\*** = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated; **□** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

