

# Free Starburst Summer Crochet Tote Bag – Detailed Pattern Guide.



Add a handmade touch to your summer style with the **Starburst Summer Crochet Tote Bag**.

This eye-catching bag features textured **starburst granny squares** paired with a bold striped back panel, creating a fun and practical accessory perfect for beach days, shopping, or everyday use.

## **Finished Size:**

Approximately **16 inches wide × 17 inches tall** (excluding handles)

## **Materials & Tools**

### **Yarn:**

- 100% cotton Aran weight yarn (recommended: Hobbii Rainbow Cotton 8/8)
- **9 colors** (1 ball each) for squares and stripes
- **Base color** (e.g., Natural White): approx. **5 balls**

### **Hook:**

- 4.5 mm crochet hook

### Other Supplies:

- Scissors
- Darning needle (for weaving in ends and seaming)
- Tape measure

### Pattern Information

- Written in **UK crochet terms**
- Front panel = **16 starburst granny squares (4 × 4 layout)**
- Back panel = **solid treble crochet with rainbow stripe section**
- Turn (flip) your work between rounds for texture
- Aim for varied color placement for a vibrant finish

### Starburst Granny Square (Make 16)



Each square should measure **~9 cm** after completion.

### Round 1 – Center Circle

1. Using Color A, **ch4**, then **sl st** into the first chain to form a ring.
2. **Ch3** (counts as 1 treble).

3. Work **11 treble (tr)** into the ring.
4. Join with sl st and fasten off.

Total: **12 stitches**

### **Round 2 – First Expansion**

1. Turn your work. Join Color B between any two stitches.
2. **Ch3**, then **1 tr in same space**.
3. Work **2 tr in each gap around**.
4. Join and fasten off.

Total: **24 stitches**

### **Round 3 – Starburst Texture**

1. Turn your work again. Join Color C between clusters.
2. **Ch3**, then **2 tr in same space**.
3. Work **3 tr in each gap around**.
4. Join and fasten off.

Total: **36 stitches**

### **Round 4 – Squaring the Circle**

1. Join base color in any gap.
2. **Ch4** (counts as 1 stitch).
3. In the same space, work:
  - **2 double treble (dtr), ch2, 3 dtr** → forms a corner
4. In next two spaces: **3 tr in each**
5. Repeat around:
  - *(Corner → 3 tr → 3 tr)*
6. Join and fasten off.

You now have a square.

### **Back Panel**

### **Base Section**

1. Using base color, **ch62**
2. Row 1: Work **1 tr in 2nd chain from hook and across** (61 sts)
3. Rows 2–11: **Ch3, turn, tr across**

### **Rainbow Stripe Section**

4. Rows 12–21:
  - Change color **every row**
  - Continue treble crochet across (61 sts per row)

### **Final Section**

5. Rows 22–34:
  - Return to base color
  - Continue treble crochet rows

### **Handles (Make 2)**

1. Using base color, **ch6**
2. Row 1: Work **5 half treble (htr)** across
3. Rows 2–73:
  - **Ch2, turn, htr across**
4. Length should be approx. **27 inches**

### **Assembly Instructions**

#### **1. Join Front Squares**

- Arrange squares in a **4 × 4 grid**
- Use **invisible seaming or whip stitch**
- Ensure edges align evenly

#### **2. Add Border**

- Join base color at any corner
- Work **granny clusters (3 tr)** evenly around the entire panel
- Add extra stitches at corners if needed to keep edges flat

### 3. Attach Front & Back Panels

- Place panels **right sides facing each other**
- Sew together along:
  - Left side
  - Bottom
  - Right side
- Leave **top open**

### 4. Attach Handles

- Position handles evenly on inside of bag
- Leave about **1 inch overlap** at attachment points
- Sew securely with reinforced stitches

### Tips for Best Results

- Keep tension consistent for even squares
- Block squares before assembly for a cleaner finish
- Use stitch markers to align panels and handles
- Cotton yarn helps the bag **hold shape and stay breathable** in summer

This project is perfect for both beginners ready to level up and experienced crocheters looking for a relaxing, colorful make.