

# Rose City Tote – Granny Square Bag (Free Crochet Pattern)



This stylish tote is made from classic granny squares and finished with sturdy straps. It's roomy, durable, and perfect for everyday use.

## Materials

- **Yarn A (main color):** DK weight (e.g., Hobbii Universe) – approx. 2 cakes
- **Yarn B (contrast):** DK cotton (e.g., Hobbii Rainbow 8/8) – approx. 4 skeins
- **4 mm crochet hook**
- Scissors
- Tapestry needle
- Tape measure
- Steamer or steam iron (optional, for finishing)

## Finished Size

- Width: ~16 inches
- Length: ~17.5 inches

- Handle length: ~18 inches

### **Gauge**

- 1 granny square = 8 inches (after 9 rounds)

### **Abbreviations**

- ch = chain
- dc = double crochet
- sc = single crochet
- sl st = slip stitch
- sp = space
- RS = right side
- WS = wrong side

### **Notes Before You Start**

- Each square is worked in the round.
- Change colors every **2 rounds**.
- Instead of cutting yarn at color changes, carry it along the wrong side.
- You will make **8 total granny squares**.

### **Step 1: Make the Granny Squares (Make 8)**



### Round 1 (RS)

1. With Yarn A, create a **magic ring**.
2. Ch 3 (counts as first dc).
3. Work:
  - 2 dc, ch 2
  - (3 dc, ch 2) 3 times
4. Close ring.
5. Join with sl st to top of ch-3.
6. Turn.

### Round 2 (WS)

1. Ch 3, 2 dc in same corner space.
2. In each corner space:
  - (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc)
3. In last corner: 3 dc, ch 2
4. Switch to Yarn B and join with sl st.

5. Turn.

### **Round 3**

1. Ch 3, 2 dc in same corner.
2. Work 3 dc in each side space between clusters.
3. In each corner:
  - (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc)
4. Join and turn.

### **Round 4**

1. Continue building sides:
  - 3 dc in each space
2. Corners remain:
  - (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc)
3. Switch back to Yarn A.
4. Join and turn.

### **Round 5**

Repeat the same pattern:

- 3 dc in each space
- Corners: (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc)

### **Rounds 6–9**

- Continue pattern exactly the same.
- Change color every 2 rounds.
- Finish Round 9 with Yarn A.
- Fasten off.

Each square should measure ~8 inches.

### **Step 2: Join the Squares**

**Layout:**

- Arrange squares **2 high × 4 across**.

**Joining options:**

- **Join-as-you-go (preferred)**
- OR seam with whip stitch afterward

You should now have a **tube shape**.

**Step 3: Close the Bottom**

1. Lay the tube flat.
2. Align bottom edges.
3. Using Yarn A, **whip stitch across** to close the base.

**Step 4: Top Edge (Part 1)**

**Round 1:**

1. Join Yarn A at any seam.
2. Ch 1, sc in same spot.
3. Work:
  - sc in every stitch
  - sc in each seam space
4. Join with sl st.

**Rounds 2–4:**

- Ch 1, sc around
- Join each round
- Fasten off after Round 4

**Step 5: Mark Strap Placement**

1. Lay bag flat.
2. Mark the **center stitch** on front and back.
3. From each center, measure **6.5 inches across**.
4. Place markers on both sides.

## Step 6: Create the Straps

### Row 1:

1. Join Yarn A at first marker.
2. Ch 1, sc across to second marker.
3. Turn.

### Rows 2–4:

- Ch 1, sc across
- Turn each row

### Strap Extension:

1. Ch 1, sc 7 stitches only
2. Turn
3. Repeat until strap measures **8 inches**

Fasten off.

### Repeat:

- Go back and repeat for the second side
- Then repeat entire process on opposite side of bag

You will now have **4 strap pieces**.

## Step 7: Join the Straps

1. Pair the 2 front straps → whip stitch together
2. Pair the 2 back straps → whip stitch together

Now you have **2 complete handles**

## Step 8: Finishing

1. Using Yarn A:
  - sc around entire handle edges
  - sc around bag opening
2. Stretch handles gently

3. Weave in all ends

#### **Final Touch**

- Lightly **steam block** the bag
- This softens stitches and improves shape

#### **You're Done!**

You now have a **durable, stylish granny square tote** perfect for everyday use—groceries, shopping, or travel.