



## **LION BRAND® LION COTTON** **Crocheted All-Occasion Tote**



This pattern uses puff and post stitches to create a look similar to Aran knit. Perfect for carrying around your next project-in-progress.

*Skill Level: Intermediate*

**SIZE**

15” high x 13” wide

**MATERIALS**

- LION BRAND Lion Cotton  
3 balls #098 Natural or solid color of your choice
- Size G-6 (4 mm) crochet hook OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- Large-eyed, blunt needle

**GAUGE**

14 sts = 4” (10 cm) in single crochet. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

**STITCH EXPLANATIONS**

**Puff st** (Yo, insert hook into st, yo and draw loop through) 5 times in next st – *11 loops on hook*, insert hook into same st, yo and draw through 10 loops, yo and draw through 2 rem loops.

**1 dc/rf** Work 1 dc around stem of next st 2 rows below, inserting hook around stem from right to left to draw up loops.

**TOTE**

**Strap/Handle**

**Row 1** Ch 7. Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across – 6 sc.

**Row 2 and every even-numbered WS row** Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

**Row 3 and every odd-numbered RS row** Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, 1 dc/rf, sc in next sc, 1 dc/rf, sc in each of last 2 sc.

Rep Rows 2 and 3 until tote strap/handle measures 46” or desired length.

**Last 2 rows** Rep Row 2 twice. Fasten off.

**Base**

**Rnd 1** Ch 5, slip st in first ch to form ring. Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, join with slip st to beg-ch1.

**Rnd 2** Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc around, join with slip st as above – 16 sc.

**Rnd 3** Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, \*sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from \* around to last sc, sc in last sc, join with slip st as above – 24 sc.

**Rnd 4** Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, \*sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from \* around to last 2 sc, sc in each of last 2 sc, join with slip st as above – 32 sc.

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**Rnd 5** Ch 1, \*sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from \* around, join with slip st as above – 40 sc.

**Rnd 6** Ch 1, \*2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 4 sc; rep from \* around, join with slip st as above – 48 sc.

**Rnd 7** Ch 1, \*sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from \* around, join with slip st as above – 56 sc.

**Rnd 8** Ch 1, \*2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 6 sc; rep from \* around, join with slip st as above – 64 sc.

**Rnd 9** Ch 1, \*sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from \* around, join with slip st as above – 72 sc.

**Rnd 10** Ch 1, \*2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 8 sc; rep from \* around, end with slip st as above – 80 sc.

**Rnd 11** Ch 1, \*sc in each of next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from \* around, join with slip st as above – 88 sc.

**Rnd 12** Ch 1, \*2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 10 sc; rep from \* around, end slip st as above – 96 sc.

**Rnd 13** Ch 1, \*sc in each of next 11 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from \* around, join with slip st as above – 104 sc.

**Rnd 14** Ch 1, sc in each sc around, join with slip st as above. Rep Rnd 14 until circle measures 9 1/4" in diameter. Fasten off.

## Body

Ch 104.

**Row 1 (RS)** Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across – 103 sc.

**Row 2 and even numbered rows (WS)** Ch 1, turn. Sc in each sc across – 103 sc.

**Rows 3-6** Ch 1, turn. Sc in each sc across – 103 sc.

**Row 7** Ch 1, turn. Sc in each of first 2 sc, 1 dc/rf, sc in next sc, 1 dc/rf, \*sc in each of next 4 sc, puff st in next st, sc in each of next 4 sc, 1 dc/rf, sc in next sc, 1 dc/rf; rep from \* across to last 2 sc, sc in each of last 2 sc.

**Row 8** Rep Row 2.

**Row 9** Ch 1, turn. Sc in each of first 2 sc, 1 dc/rf, sc in next st, 1 dc/rf, \*sc in each of next 2 sts, puff st in next st, sc in each of next 3 sts, puff st in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts, 1 dc/rf, sc in next st, 1 dc/rf; rep from \* across to last 2 sc, sc in each of last 2 sc.

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**Row 10** Rep Row 2.

**Row 11** Rep Row 7.

**Row 12** Rep Row 2.

**Row 13** Ch 1, turn. Sc in each of first 2 sc, 1 dc/rf, sc in next sc, 1 dc/rf, \*sc in each of next 9 sts, 1 dc/rf, sc in next sc, 1 dc/rf; rep from \* to last 2 sc, sc in each of last 2 sc.

**Row 14** Rep Row 2.

**Row 15** Rep Row 13.

**Row 16** Rep Row 2.

Rep Rows 7-16, three times more, then rep Rows 7-14 once. **Do not break off yarn.**

## FINISHING

Assemble tote by working with yarn still attached to tote body as foll: Work with WS facing and sc side seam from tote top to bottom. Continue to sc tote body to tote base. Fasten off. Turn tote RS out. With tapestry needle, attach left side of strap from tote bottom to top and sew both sides and bottom of strap to tote (covering side seam). Rep for attaching right side of strap. Weave in all loose ends.

ABBREVIATIONS:	
beg = begin(ning)	rnd(s) = round(s)
ch = chain	RS = right side
dc = double crochet	sc = single crochet
foll = follow(s)(ing)	st(s) = stitch(es)
inc = increase(e)(s)(ing)	WS = wrong side
rem = remain(s)(ing)	yo = yarn over
rep = repeat(s)(ing)	

*\*[Lion Cotton](#) formerly 'kitchen cotton' (Articles #760) is an all-natural, 4-ply worsted-weight yarn of 100% cotton, made in the U.S. Solids are packaged in 5 oz./140g (236yd/212m) balls; multi-colors are in 4 oz/113 gm. (189 yd/170m) balls. Product is also available in a [some colors](#) in a 1 pound (16oz/453g 755 yd/690m) money-saving size as Item #750.*

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