Interlocking Crochet™

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Bamboo Tote

Side 1 (RS) Color A creates the stripes; Color B creates the background. Side 2 (WS) Color A creates the background and triple stripes; Color B creates the 8s. *Interlocking Crochet™* pages 82-83.

Note: This interlocking pattern works evenly over a multiple of 5 + 1 A-colored boxes.

Materials List
Yarn
7 balls Sirdar Just Bamboo (100% bamboo, 1.75oz [50g], 103yd [95m] in color Nutmeg (A).
7 balls Sirdar Just Bamboo (100% bamboo, 1.75oz [50g], 103yd [95m] in color Cream (B).

Hook & Notions	Gauge	Finished Measurements
US I-9 (5.5mm)	2 boxes = 1" (2.5cm)	20" x 15" (51cm x 38cm)
Yarn needle		

Double Design Instructions:

Foundation Row A: With A, work row 1 of filet mesh, set aside.
With B, work a foundation ch that is two chains shorter than the length of the A-colored foundation chain.
Foundation Row B: With B, work row 1 of filet mesh, set aside.

Place the A-colored layer on top of the B-colored layer, with the working yarn of both pieces at the same edge (right edge if you are right-handed, left edge if you are left-handed).

Drop Color B to front
Row 1A(RS): With A, ch 4 (counts as first dc, and ch-1 sp), dcif in next dc, *[ch 1, dcib in next dc] 3 times, [ch 1, dcif in next dc] twice; repeat from * across.
Row 1B(RS): With B, ch 4, dcif in next dc, *ch 1, dcif in next dc; repeat from * across.

Turn the entire piece.

Drop Color B to back
Row 2A(WS): With A, ch 4, dcib in next dc, *[ch 1, dcif in next dc] 3 times, [ch 1, dcib in next dc] twice; repeat from * across.
Row 2B(WS): With B, ch 4, dcif in next dc, [ch 1, dcif in next dc] 3 times, *ch 1, dcib in next dc, [ch 1, dcif in next dc] 4 times; repeat from * across to last dc, ch 1, dcib in last dc.

Turn the entire piece.

Drop Color B to front
Row 3A(RS): With A, ch 4, dcif in next dc, *[ch 1, dcib in next dc] 3 times, [ch 1, dcif in next dc] twice; repeat from * across.
Row 3B(RS): With B, ch 4, dcib in next dc, [ch 1, dcib in next dc] 3 times, *ch 1, dcif in next dc, [ch 1, dcib in next dc] 4 times; repeat from * across to last dc, ch 1, dcif in last dc.

Turn the entire piece.

Drop Color B to back
Row 4A(WS): With A, ch 4, dcib in next dc, *[ch 1, dcif in next dc] 3 times, [ch 1, dcib in next dc] twice; repeat from * across.
Row 4B(WS): With B, ch 4, dcib in next dc, *ch 1, dcib in next dc; repeat from * across.

Drop Color B to front
Row 5A(RS): With A, ch 4, dcif in next dc, *[ch 1, dcib in next dc] 3 times, [ch 1, dcif in next dc] twice; repeat from * across.
Row 5B(RS): With B, ch 4, dcib in next dc, [ch 1, dcib in next dc] 3 times, *ch 1, dcif in next dc, [ch 1, dcib in next dc] 4 times; repeat from * across to last dc, ch 1, dcif in last dc.

Turn the entire piece.

Drop Color B to back
Row 6A(WS): With A, ch 4, dcib in next dc, *[ch 1, dcif in next dc] 3 times, [ch 1, dcib in next dc] twice; repeat from * across.
Row 6B(WS): With B, ch 4, dcif in next dc, [ch 1, dcif in next dc] 3 times, *ch 1, dcib in next dc, [ch 1, dcif in next dc] 4 times; repeat from * across to last dc, ch 1, dcib in last dc.

Panel 1 (Front & Back) – 16"x 30" (41cm x 76cm)

Foundation Row A: With A, ch 86, dc in 6th ch from hook, *ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * across – 41 boxes.

Foundation Row B: With B, ch 84, dc in 6th ch from hook, *ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * across – 40 boxes.

Repeat Rows 1-6 of pattern until 29.5" (75cm), ending with Row 5. Fasten off Color B.

Turn the entire piece.

Extra Row A only (WS): With A, ch 4, dcib in next dc, *ch 1, dcib in next dc; repeat from * across.

Panel 2 (Sides & Bottom) – 4" x 42" (10cm x 107.5cm)

Foundation Row A: With A, ch 26, dc in 6th ch from hook, *ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * across – 11 boxes.

Foundation Row B: With B, ch 24, dc in 6th ch from hook, *ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * across –10 boxes.

Repeat Rows 1-6 of pattern until 41.5" (105.5cm), ending with Row 5. Fasten off Color B.

Turn the entire piece.

Extra Row A only (WS): With A, ch 4, dcib in next dc, *ch 1, dcib in next dc; repeat from * across.

Finishing Panels

A-Colored Border – This border is worked around the edges of the A-colored layer only, with RS facing. Drop Color B to the back or the WS as you work the A-Colored Border.

Rnd 1 (RS): Ch 1, work sc evenly around all edges of panel, working 1 sc in each post, 1 sc in each filet box and 3 sc in each corner; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off A.

B-Colored Border – This border is worked around the edges of the B-colored layer only, with WS facing.

Rnd 1 (WS): Ch 1, work hdc evenly around all edges of panel, working 1 hdc in each post, 1 hdc in each filet box and 3 hdc in each corner; join with sl st in first hdc. Fasten off B.

Put Tote Together – Instructions and graphs in *Interlocking Crochet™*, page 95 or watch video – *How to Put a Reversible Purse Together*.

Top Edge

Rnd 1: With A and RS still facing, ch 1, and, working in back loop of the Color A layer and front loop of the Color B layer, sc in each st around the top of the tote, joining the layers together. On either side of the side seams work through both loops of both layers to strengthen the seam connections; join with sl st in first sc.

Rnd 2: With A, sl st in each sc around the top of the tote to strengthen the edge. Fasten off. Weave in all ends.

Tie (Optional)

With A, ch 47, fasten off. Starting in center front, weave tie in and out of the top row A boxes, adjust to comfortable opening width and knot. Make a bow or spiral ends by crocheting 4 dc in each st of ch.

Attach Ready-Made Handles or Make Your Own

To make your own straps: Join A in the top edge at the end of the second column from the outer edge. Ch 29" or desired length. Do not Twist. Join end of chain strap with sl st to same location on other end of same panel. Sc back across chain and join with sl st next to beginning sl st. *Turn and work sc back across strap and join with sl st next to previous sl st. Repeat *until strap is 1-1/4" (3cm) or desired width.

Repeat on other panel to make second strap.