

Provence

100% mercerized Egyptian Cotton

Provence is mercerized Egyptian cotton that crochets into a strong, yet beautiful fabric.

Egyptian cotton has two qualities that make it a great cotton yarn: a very long staple (fiber) length and a small diameter. The long staple gives the yarn strength and sheen; and the delicate diameter means that it spins into a soft, smooth yarn. Mercerizing makes a yarn that is stable, takes dye well, and is less likely to shrink.

Provence comes in a whopping 56 colors—make your market bag in a bright color, a neutral, something pastel, and/or basic black.

SIZES: One size.

Finished Measurements: Approx 14" deep and 24" circumference (12" wide at top, 13½" wide at base)

MATERIALS:

Provence by **Classic Elite** (100% mercerized Egyptian cotton; 100 gram hank = approx 205 yards)

- 3 hanks 2627 French Red

Crochet Hook:

- One size US G/6 (4 mm)

Or size needed to obtain gauge.

GAUGE: 18 sts and 20 rows = 4" in single crochet. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**

CROCHET STITCHES:

ch: (chain) Wrap the yarn around the crochet hook (yo) and draw it through the loop on the hook to form the first chain. Rep this step as many times as instructed. (The loop on the hook is never included when counting the number of chains).

sc: (single crochet) Insert crochet hook in indicated st, yo and pull up a loop; yo and draw through both loops on hook.

sl st: (slip stitch) Insert crochet hook in the indicated st, yo and draw through both the st and the loop on the hook.

dc: (double crochet) Yo, insert hook into indicated st, yo and pull up a loop; [yo and draw through 2 loops on hook] 2 times.

tr: (treble crochet) [Yo] 2 times, insert hook in indicated st, yo and pull up a loop; [yo and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times.

PATTERN STITCH:

V-Stitch (V-st): Work [dc, ch 2, dc] all into the same st.



ABBREVIATIONS

approx: approximately
beg: begin(ning)
ch: see crochet stitches
dc: see crochet stitches
rep: repeat

rnd(s): round(s)
RS: right side
sc: see crochet stitches
sl st: see crochet stitches
sk: skip

sp: space
st(s): stitch(es)
tr: see crochet stitches
yo: yarn over hook

NOTES: Bag begins with a rectangular base. Sts are worked around the base, then worked in the rnd without turning. Slit handles are incorporated into the design.

BASE

Ch 57.

Row 1: (RS) Sc into second ch from hook, then in each ch across, turn—56 sc.

Rows 2–10: Ch 1 (does not count as a st), sc in each sc across, turn—56 sc.

BAG

Work sts around all edges of base as follows:

Rnd 1: (RS) Ch 1 (does not count as a st), sc in first sc, sc in next 55 sc; rotate base 90° and work 9 sc evenly along side edge of base; rotate base 90° and work 56 sc along long edge of base; rotate work 90° and work 9 sc evenly along side edge of base, sl st into first sc to join—130 sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, sl st into first sc to join.

Rnd 3: Ch 2 (counts as dc), sk first sc, dc in each sc around—130 dc.

Rnd 4: Ch 2 (counts as dc), sk first dc, dc in each dc around.

Begin Bauble Pattern:

(also, see chart)

Rnd 1: Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch-2), dc in same dc that was used to join previous rnd (first V-st completed), *sk 4 dc, V-st in next dc; rep from * around, sl st into third ch of beg ch-5 to join—26 V-sts.

Rnd 2: Sl st into first ch-2 sp (i.e., center of first V-st), ch 4 (counts as tr), work 4 tr into same ch-2 sp, *work 5 tr into next ch-2 sp; rep from * around, sl st into top of beg ch-4 to join.

Rnd 3: Sl st in next 2 dc, ch 5 (counts as dc, ch-2), dc in same tr (first V-st completed), *sk 4 tr, V-st in next tr; rep from * around, sl st into third ch of beg ch-5 to join. Rep rnds 2 and 3 six more times.

HANDLES

Rnd 1: Ch 1 (does not count as a st), sc in same ch that was used to join the previous rnd, work 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next dc, *sc in next dc, work 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next dc; rep from * around, sl st into first sc to join—104 sc.

Rnds 2–5: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, sl st into first sc to join.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sc into same sc that was used to join the previous rnd, sc in next 17 sc, ch 16, sk 16 ch, sc in next 36 ch, ch 16, sk 16 sc, sc in last 18 sc, sl st into first sc to join.

Rnd 7: Ch 1, sc in each sc and ch around, sl st into first sc to join—104 sc.

Rnds 8–11: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, sl st into first sc to join. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Block to measurements if desired.

