

**A PATTERN
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stitch 'n' pitch Nation



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Saucy Tote

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Size

Finished height: 9" (+ straps)

Finished width: 12"

Materials

Caron Craft & Rug 3 Ply
(100% polyester; 39.7g/60 yds)

MC: 3 skeins #105 Medium Pink

CC: 1 skein #658 Christmas Green

US 11 (8mm) 24" circular needle,
or size needed to obtain gauge

Clear plastic canvas: two 9" ×
11½" pieces, two 4¼" × 9" pieces,
one 4¼" × 11½" piece

Cotton fabric: one 35" × 12"
piece, one 6" × 14" piece

2 yds string or embroidery floss

Tapestry needle

Pointed large-eyed needle

12 large paper clips

One 2" button

Gauge

12 sts and 16 rows = 4" in St st

DIRECTIONS

BODY

With MC, CO 100 sts.

Pm and join, work in St st
until piece measures 8½"
from beg.

BO and break yarn, leaving
a 36" tail.

STRAP (MAKE 2)

With MC, CO 8 sts, leaving

a 12" tail.

Work in St st until piece
measures 15" from beg.
BO and break yarn, leaving
a 12" tail.

BUTTON FLAP

With MC, CO 11 sts,
leaving a 20" tail.

Work in St st until piece
measures 4" from beg,
ending with RS facing.

Next row: K4, BO 3, k4.
Next row: P4, CO 3, p4.

Work in St st until piece
measures 5½" from beg.
BO.

BOTTOM

With CC, CO 34 sts.

Work in St st until piece
measures 4½" from beg.
BO and break yarn, leaving
a 36" tail.

FINISHING

Body assembly:

With 24" lengths of white
string and leaving at least a
6" tail, whipstitch the 9"
sides of the plastic canvas
tog. Tie the top and bottom
of the strings tog to secure.
Place the large piece of fab-
ric WS up under the canvas
and lay the plastic canvas
flat on top of it. Fold the
ends of the fabric over the
canvas and use paperclips to
hold everything tog.

Fold this in half with RS
facing. With the sharp nee-
dle and 1 yd of MC, whip-
stitch the 2 ends of the bag
tog through both the layers
of fabric and plastic canvas.
Slip the knitted body of the
bag over the interior, with the
BO being the top of the bag.
Rearrange the paper clips to

hold the knit piece to the
interior. Beg with the top,
using the BO tail, whip-
stitch the top edge of the
bag through both the knit
piece and the plastic canvas.
Rep on the bottom edge.

Bottom assembly:

Place the 6" × 14" fabric WS
up and lay the 4¼" × 11½"
plastic canvas on top of it,
then fold the ends of the
fabric over the plastic canvas,
using paper clips to hold
the pieces tog. Then lie the
knit bottom WS up, place
the fabric-covered mesh
bottom on top of it with the
fabric facing up, and adjust
the paper clips to hold all 3
layers tog. Using the long
tail and the sharp needle,
whipstitch along the edges.
With MC, whipstitch the
knit bottom of the bag to
the knit body of the bag.
Mattress st the strap to the
top of the bag 1" from each
end. Rep on other side.
Mattress st the flap to the
top center of the back.
Sew button to correspond
with buttonhole on flap,
sewing through the plastic
canvas but not the fabric in-
terior.

Weave in ends.

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