

Two-in-One Games 1/11/06

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Road trips will be twice the fun with this cute-as-a-bug game tote that features checkers on one side and tic-tac-toe on the other. It's easy to carry along, and all the pieces store inside!

Skill Level

Easy

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Finished Size

Tote: 14 inches square

Materials

- Red Heart Classic medium (worsted) weight yarn (3 oz/174 yds/85g per skein): 8 oz #848 skipper blue 3½ oz #261 maize 2 oz each #676 emerald green and #230 yellow ½ oz each #902 jockey red, #245 orange and #12 black
- Size G/6/4mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Yarn needle
- Sewing needle
- Black thread
- Fiberfill
- 10mm sew-on wiggly eyes: 11 pairs
- ¾-inch plastic ring: 24
- 3mm black chenille stem: 2 inches
- ¼-inch red purchased pompoms: 2
- Hot-glue gun
- Stitch marker

Gauge

7 sc = 2 inches; 7 sc rows = 2 inches

Pattern Notes

Weave in loose ends as work progresses. Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Tic-Tac-Toe Game Pieces

Head

Make 5 with jockey red heads and yellow bodies and 5 with orange heads and emerald green bodies.

Rnd 1 (RS): With head color, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join in beg sc. (6sc)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc around, join in beg sc. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: Ch 1, [sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times, join in beg sc. (18 sc)

Rnd 4: Working in **front lps** (*see Stitch Guide*) only, [4 sc in next sc, sl st in next sc] twice, fasten off.

Body Top

Note: *Work in back lps (see Stitch Guide) only throughout body top.*

Row 1: Now working in rows, sk next 9 sc after last sl st of rnd 4, attach body color, ch 1, sc in same st as beg ch-1, sc in each of next 13 sts, leaving last 4 sc unworked, turn. (14 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Rows 3–8: Rep row 2.

Row 9: Ch 1, sc in first st, [sc dec (*see Stitch Guide*) in next 2 sts, sc in next st] 4 times, sc in next st, turn. (10 sc)

Row 10: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 11: Ch 1, [sc dec in next 2 sts] 5 times, fasten off. (5 sc)

Body Bottom & Legs

Working tightly, with body color, ch 9, 4 dc in 4th ch from hook, *ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, sl st in top of last dc (*leg completed*), [2 dc in each of next 2 chs, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, sl st in top of last dc] twice*, 5 dc in last ch; working on opposite side of foundation ch, rep from * to * once, sl st to join in 9th ch of beg ch-9, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off. (26 dc; 6 legs)

Assembly

Line up body bottom and body sts with first 4 dc of body bottom to rem 4 sts of rnd 3 of head and opposite end 5 dc to end 5 sc of row 11 of body top. Holding legs forward (*do not sew legs*), sew body bottom to body top, stuffing lightly with fiberfill before closing. With sewing needle and black thread, sew eyes to upper portion of head over rnd 2.

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Checkerboard Game Pieces

Make 12 each jockey red and black checkers.

Rnd 1: Attach yarn to plastic ring, ch 1, 12 sc over ring, join in first sc, fasten off. (12 sc)

Caterpillar Head

Note: Do not join rnds; use st marker to mark rnds.

Rnd 1: With yellow, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times. (18 sc)

Rnds 4 & 5: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 6: [Sc dec in next 2 sc, sc in next sc] 6 times. (12 sc)

Rnd 7: [Sc dec in next 2 sc] 6 times, sl st in next st, do not fasten off; stuff head with fiberfill. (6 sc)

Tail

Row 8: Now working in rows, ch 37, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in each rem ch across, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off. With rem length of yarn and yarn needle, weave through rem sts of rnd 7, pull tightly, knot to secure. Alternating color of checkers, string checkers onto tail. Tie end of tail in a soft knot.

Finishing

With sewing needle and black thread, sew eyes to rnd 2 of head. Skipping center 2 sc at top of head, insert chenille stem at right, under next 2 sc and out again. Bend each end of stem to form antennae. Glue base of each antennae. Glue a red pompom to top of each antennae.

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Tote Bag

Tic-Tac-Toe Board

Row 1: With skipper blue, ch 49, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. (48 sc)

Rows 2–48: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Make 2 lines of ch sts across, spaced 16 rows apart, 1 each from orange and yellow.

Make 2 lines of ch sts down, spaced 16 sc apart, 1 each red and emerald green.

Border

Rnd 1: Attach black to outer edge of board, ch 1, sc evenly sp around outer edge, working 3 sc in each corner st, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Checkerboard

Note: To change color: Work last sc until 2 lps rem on hook, with new color, yo, draw through rem 2 lps on hook.

Row 1: With skipper blue, ch 49, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 5 chs, with maize, sc in each of next 6 chs, with skipper blue, sc in each of next 6 chs, with maize, sc in each of next 6 chs] 3 times, turn. (8 blocks; 48 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, [with maize, sc in each of next 6 sc, with skipper blue, sc in each of next 6 sc] 4 times, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, [with skipper blue, sc in each of next 6 sc, with maize, sc in each of next

6 sc] 4 times, turn.

Row 4: Rep row 2.

Row 5: Rep row 3.

Row 6: Rep row 2.

Rows 7–12: Rep rows 2 and 3 in that order to reverse block colors. At the end of row 12, draw up a lp of skipper blue, turn.

Rows 13–18: Rep rows 3 and 2 in that order to reverse block colors. At the end of row 18, draw up a lp of maize, turn.

Rows 19–48: Rep rows 7–18. At the end of row 48, fasten off. Board has a total of 64 blocks, 8 x 8.

Border

Rnd 1: Attach black to outer edge of board, ch 1, sc evenly sp around outer edge, working 3 sc in each corner st, join in beg sc, fasten off.

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Joining Boards

Row 1: With WS of boards tog, attach black in any center corner sc and, working through both thicknesses, ch 1, sc in same st as beg ch-1, sc evenly sp across to within next center corner sc, [2 sc in center corner sc, sc evenly sp across to within next center corner sc] twice, ending with 1 sc in next center corner sc, do not turn.

Rnd 2: Now working in rnds, ch 1, working around top opening of tote, sc evenly sp around entire edge, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Handle

Make 2.

Row 1: With jockey red, ch 37, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. (36 sc)

Rows 2–4: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn. At the end of row 4, fasten off.

With black sewing thread and needle, allowing a 3½- inch sp between each end of handle, sew ends of handle to inside of top opening.

