

🌻 Complete Tutorial: Cosmos Flora Crochet Tote Bag

This step-by-step guide will walk you through creating a beautiful floral crochet tote bag inspired by the “Cosmos” granny square design. Follow carefully and you’ll be able to complete the entire bag from start to finish—even as a beginner with some basic crochet knowledge.

COMPLETE TUTORIAL: COSMOS FLORA CROCHET TOTE BAG



1. The 'Cosmos' Granny Square

1.1 Flower Center & Petals (Light Blue)

Round 1: 12 dc ring

Round 2: Work [tr cluster, ch 3] x 12

Round 3: Work [dc5 cluster, ch 2, sc in top of previous round tr cluster, ch 2] x 12

1.2 Squaring Off & Border (Cream)

Round 4: 3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc] into me.

Round 4, 5, 6, etc. Work [3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc] into the corners.

Work [3 dc, [3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc] into the corners.

2. Component Construction & Quantity

Square Panels

x2 Front x2 Back x2 Side
Total of 6 matching squares.

Base (Solid Cream)

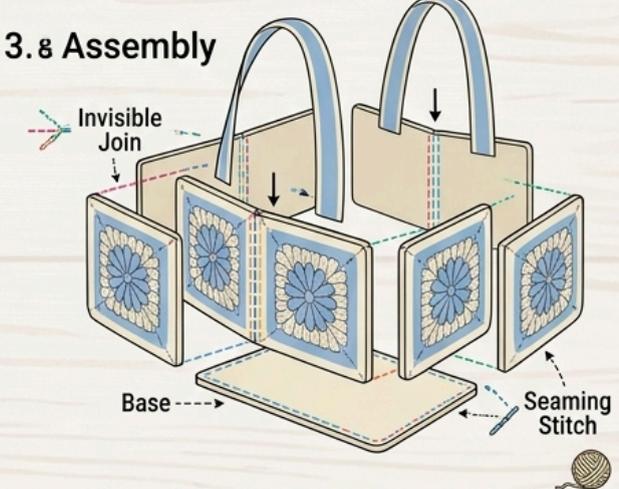
Rows x by y
Make 1, dimensions x by y.

Tassels & Charms

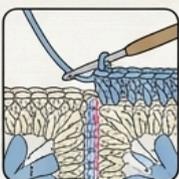
Attach beads

3. & Assembly

Visible Join Seaming Stitch



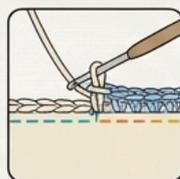
Key Methods



Invisible Join



3D Petal Construction



Seaming with dc/sc

Sym	Name	Textual Detail
⌞	dc cluster	상세 step-by-step
⌋	tr	상세 step-by-step
⌋	dc	standard
×	sc	standard
•	sl st	standard
⌋	hdc	YO, insert hook, pull through 3 loops
⌋	ch	standard
⌋	FPdc/BPdc	(if used, e.g., on the base border)



Materials & Tools

- Worsted weight yarn in:
 - Light blue (flower center & petals)
 - Cream (border, base)
 - Optional accent blue (handles & tassels)
- Crochet hook (size 4.5–5.5 mm recommended)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers (optional)
- Beads (optional for tassels)



Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- dc cluster = group of double crochets worked together
- YO = yarn over



Step 1: The “Cosmos” Granny Square



Round 1: Flower Center

1. Create a magic ring (or ch 4 and join to form a ring).
2. Work **12 dc into the ring**.
3. Join with a sl st to the first dc.
4. Pull tight to close the center.

You should now have a small circular base with 12 stitches.



Round 2: Petal Base Layer

1. *Ch 3 (counts as first tr).*
2. In the same stitch, work a **tr cluster** (multiple treble crochets grouped together).
3. Ch 3.
4. Move to next stitch and repeat:
[tr cluster, ch 3] in each stitch around.
5. Repeat 12 times total.
6. Join with sl st.

This creates a radiating structure for petals.

Round 3: 3D Petals

1. In each ch-3 space:
 - Work **dc5 cluster (5 double crochets together)**
 - Ch 2
 - Sc into the top of the previous round's tr cluster
 - Ch 2
2. Repeat around all 12 spaces.
3. Join with sl st.

You should now see raised, dimensional petals forming a full flower 

Step 2: Squaring Off the Granny Square

Round 4: Transition to Square

1. Begin in any space between petals.
2. Work:
 - **3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc** into corner spaces
3. Between corners:
 - Work **3 dc in each space**
4. Continue around to form a square.
5. Join with sl st.

Round 5 and Beyond: Border Expansion

1. Continue building the square:
 - Corners: **3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc**
 - Sides: **3 dc in each space**
2. Repeat for as many rounds as needed to reach desired square size.

Step 3: Make All Square Panels

You will need:

- 2 squares for the front
- 2 squares for the back
- 2 squares for the sides

 Total: **6 matching granny squares**

Make sure all squares are identical in size and tension.

Step 4: Crochet the Base

1. Using cream yarn:
2. Create a rectangular base:
 - Chain to desired width (e.g., 30–40 stitches)
3. Work rows of dc until desired height is reached.

👉 Make **1 solid rectangle base** sized to match the perimeter of your squares.

Step 5: Create the Handles

Option 1: Flat Handles

1. Chain desired length (long enough for shoulder strap).
2. Work **4 rows of dc**.
3. Fold lengthwise and seam edges together for durability.

👉 Make 2 handles.

Option 2: Folded Thick Handles

1. Create strip with dc rows.
2. Fold inward.
3. Slip stitch or sew closed.

This creates a sturdier, rounded handle.

Step 6: Make Tassels & Charms (Optional)

1. Wrap yarn around your hand or a small book ~20–30 times.
2. Tie at the top.
3. Cut bottom loops.
4. Wrap yarn around neck to secure.

Optional:

- Add beads before attaching
- Use multiple colors

Step 7: Assembly

Join the Squares

1. Arrange:
 - 2 front
 - 2 back
 - 2 sides
2. Use **seaming stitch (dc or sc)** to join edges.
3. Use **invisible join technique** for cleaner look.

Attach the Base

1. Align base rectangle with bottom edges.
2. Sew or crochet together evenly.

Attach Handles

1. Position evenly on top edges.
2. Sew securely using yarn needle or crochet join.

Final Seaming

- Reinforce all edges
- Check for gaps
- Weave in ends

Key Techniques Explained

Invisible Join

Insert hook through both loops, pull yarn through smoothly to hide seam.

3D Petal Construction

Clusters and chains create layered petals that stand out from the base.

Seaming with dc/sc

Use consistent tension to keep seams neat and strong.

Final Result

You now have a stunning **Cosmos Flora Crochet Tote Bag**  

It features:

- 3D floral granny squares
- Structured square shape
- Durable base
- Stylish handles
- Optional decorative tassels

Tips for Success

- Keep tension consistent across squares
- Block squares before assembly for clean edges
- Count stitches every round
- Use stitch markers for corners