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EASY

crochet

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### What you will need:

RED HEART® Reflective™: 3 balls 8012 Black A and 1 ball 8671 Neon Green B

Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks: 5.5mm [US I-9] and 6mm [US J-10]

Yarn needle, stitch marker, 8 black shank buttons: 2 each 7/8" (22 mm) and 3/4" (9.5 mm), four 1/2" (13 mm), two 1/2" (13 mm) ball buttons, sewing needle and black thread, fabric sealant (optional)

GAUGE: 14 sts = 4" (10 cm); 15 rounds = 4" (10 cm) in single crochet with larger hook. Gauge is not critical for this project but tension should be tight.

### Buy Yarn



RED HEART® Reflective™, Art. E820 available in solid color 3.5 oz (100 g), 88 yd (80 m) balls



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## Creepy Eyes Bag

*This crocheted bag features frightening eyes for spooky trick or treating fun. A camera flash will light up the yarn for an amazing glowing look!*

Tote measures 10" wide x 12" high (25.5 x 30.5 cm), not including handles.

### Special Technique

**Adjustable-ring method:** Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail firmly between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring, working over both strands (the tail and the ring). After the first round of stitches is worked, pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

### Notes

1. Bag is worked in rounds with right side facing at all times. Not all rounds are joined or start with a beginning chain so follow instructions carefully. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.
2. Eye appliques are made separately and sewn to front of bag. Buttons are sewn to eyes with sewing needle and thread. Warning: Buttons can be a choking hazard for young children. Omit buttons from bag if intended for use by a child under 3 years old.
3. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Carry color not in use up wrong side of piece until needed next. Do not cut old color unless instructed.
4. Make a larger or smaller bag by increasing or decreasing beginning chains and changing the number of rows. A larger bag may require additional yarn.

### BAG

With larger hook and **A**, ch 31.

**Round 1:** Working in back bumps only, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 28 ch, 3 sc in next ch; working on opposite side of foundation ch, sc in first 29 ch, 3 sc in last ch; join with slip st in first sc—64 sc. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.

**Round 2–34:** Sc in each st around.

**Round 35:** Sc in each st around; change to **B**; join with slip st in first sc.

**Round 36:** Ch 1, sc in each st around; change to **A**; join with slip st in first sc.

**Rounds 37 and 38:** Repeat Rounds 35 and 36. Cut **B** at end of Round 38.

**Round 39:** Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

### Straps (make 2)

With larger hook and **B**, ch 51.

**Round 1:** Working in back bumps only, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 48 ch, 2 sc in next ch; working across opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 49 ch, 2 sc in last ch; join with slip st in first sc—102 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

### EYES

#### Large Round Eyes (make 2)

With smaller hook and **B**, make an adjustable ring, ch 1.

**Round 1:** Work 6 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as join and in each st around; join with slip st in first sc—12 sc.

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**Round 3:** Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as join, sc in next st, [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 5 times; join with slip st in first sc—18 sc.

**Round 4:** Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as join, sc in next 2 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 5 times; join with slip st in first sc—24 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

### Small Round Eyes (make 2)

Work same as Rounds 1 and 2 of large round eyes. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

### “Bug” Eyes (make 2)

With smaller hook and **B**, make an adjustable ring, ch 1.

**Round 1:** Work 6 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as join, sc in next 5 sts; join with slip st in first sc—7 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

### Large Semi-Circular Eyes (make 2)

With smaller hook and **B**, ch 3.

**Row 1:** Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, slip st in last ch, turn—6 sc and 1 slip st.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in slip st, [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] twice, sc in next st, slip st in last st, turn—8 sc and 1 slip st.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in slip st, [sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice, sc in next st, slip st in last st—10 sc and 1 slip st.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, sc in slip st, sc in next 2 sts, [2 sc in st, sc in next st] 3 times, 2 sc in last 3 sts—18 sts.

**Row 5:** Ch 1, working across ends of rows and in opposite side of foundation ch, sc 8 sts evenly spaced, slip st in first sc of Row 4. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

### Small Semi-Circular Eyes (make 2)

**Rows 1–3:** Work same as Rows 1–3 of large semi-circular eyes. Do not turn at end of Row 3.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, working across ends of rows and opposite side of foundation ch, sc 6 sts evenly across, slip st in first st of Row 3. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

### FINISHING

Use photograph as a guide for placement of straps and eyes.

Pin a strap to each side of bag at top edge, evenly spaced from side edges, and sew in place.

Position eyes on bag as desired and sew in place. For “bug” eyes only, stuff scraps of yarn under each eye before sewing is finished for bug-eyed appearance.

With sewing needle and thread, securely sew buttons for pupils on each pair of eyes. Alter the positions of the buttons to create various expressions. **Optional:** Apply a drop or 2 of fabric sealant on the sewing thread to ensure that the knot doesn't open.

Weave in ends.

### ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B** = Color A, Color B; **ch** = chain; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es).



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