

# Castle Tote

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## SKILL LEVEL



## FINISHED SIZES

Castle: 7½ inches long x 5 inches wide x 5 inches deep  
Finger puppets: 3–4 inches tall

## MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein):
  - 1 skein each #400 grey heather, #579 pale plum and #776 dark orchid
  - 1 oz each #341 light gray, #886 blue, #672 spring green, #313 Aran and #334 buff
  - 15 yds #336 warm brown
  - 1 yd each #390 hot red and #312 black
- Size G/6/4mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- 22mm silver decorative shank buttons: 2
- Batting
- 10½ x 13½-inch sheet plastic canvas: 2
- Duct tape
- Stitch marker



## GAUGE

4 sts = 1 inch; 4 rows = 1 inch

## PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

The Castle back wall, floor and front wall are worked together as one long piece.

When working Puppets, do not join rounds unless otherwise stated. Use stitch marker to mark rounds.

## OUTER WALLS & FLOOR

**Row 1 (WS):** Starting at Back Wall, with gray heather, ch 25, sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, [sc in next ch, dc in next ch] across, turn. (24 sts)

**Row 2:** Ch 1, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] across, turn.

**Rows 3–14:** Rep row 2.

**Row 15:** Working in front lps (see *Stitch Guide*), ch 1, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] across, turn.

**Rows 16–28:** Rep row 2.

**Row 29:** Working in front lps, ch 1, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 4 times, **change color** (see *Stitch Guide*) to buff, working over gray heather, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 4 times, change color to gray heather, drop buff to WS, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 4 times, turn. (24 sts)

**Rows 30–37:** Ch 1, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 4 times, change color to buff, working over gray heather, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 4 times, change color to gray heather, drop buff to WS, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 4 times, turn. (24 sts)

**Row 38:** Ch 1, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 4 times, sc in next dc, change color to buff, working over gray heather, [dc in next sc, sc in next dc] 3 times, change color to gray heather, drop buff to WS, dc in next sc, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 4 times, turn. (24 sts)

**Row 39:** Ch 1, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 5 times, change color to buff, working over gray heather, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] twice, change color to gray heather, fasten off buff, [sc in

next dc, dc in next sc] 5 times, turn. (24 sts)

**Rows 40–42:** Rep row 2. At the end of row 42, fasten off.

## FRONT INNER WALLS

**Row 1 (WS):** Starting at Back Wall, with gray heather, ch 25, sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, [sc in next ch, dc in next ch] across, turn. (24 sts)

**Row 2:** Ch 1, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] across, turn.

**Rows 3–14:** Rep row 2. At the end of row 14, change color to pale plum. Fasten off gray heather.

**Row 15:** Working in front lps, ch 1, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] across, turn.

**Rows 16–28:** Rep row 2. At the end of row 28, change color to blue. Fasten off pale plum.

**Row 29:** Working in front lps, ch 1, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] across, turn.

**Rows 30–42:** Rep row 2. At the end of row 42, fasten off.

## SIDE WALL

**Make 4.**

**Row 1:** With gray heather, ch 17, sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, [sc in next ch, dc in next ch] across, turn. (16 sts)

**Rows 2–14:** Ch 1, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] across, turn. At the end of row 14, fasten off.

## ROOF

**Make 2.**

**Row 1:** With dark orchid, ch 25, sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, [sc in next ch, dc in next ch] across, turn. (24 sts)

*A knight, a dragon, a maiden in  
distress, all to crochet with their  
own castle hideaway!*





**Rows 2–14:** Ch 1, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] across, turn. At the end of row 14, fasten off.

### DRAWBRIDGE

**Row 1:** With buff, ch 17, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. (16 sc)

**Rows 2–8:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn. At the end of row 8, leaving 12-inch length, fasten off.

Sew Drawbridge to Front Inner Walls over blue side rows 29–42, centered over rectangle.

### ASSEMBLY

From plastic canvas, cut 4 pieces 4 x 6 inch rectangles and 2 pieces 4 x 4 inches square.

Wrap the plastic canvas with batting and then wrap the duct tape around to hold batting in place.

For **Side Walls**, place 2 Side Wall crocheted pieces with WS tog and working through both

thicknesses, join gray heather in opposite side of foundation ch, ch 1, sc evenly sp around, working 3 sc in each corner around 3 sides, insert plastic canvas side wall into crocheted piece, sc across rem 4th edge, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

For **Roof**, place 2 Roof crocheted pieces with WS tog and working through both thicknesses, join dark orchid in opposite side of foundation ch, ch 1, sc evenly sp around, working 3 sc in each corner around 3 sides, insert plastic canvas roof into crocheted piece, sc across rem 4th edge, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

For **Front & Back Walls & Floor**, place the Inner and Outer Front pieces with WS tog, working through both thicknesses, join gray heather in opposite side of foundation ch, ch 1, sc evenly sp around, working 3 sc in each corner around 3 sides, insert the rem 3 plastic canvas walls into the crocheted piece,

sc across rem edge, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

To join walls, place Side Wall next to Back Wall with inner walls tog, join gray heather with sc in center sc of corners of both sections, working through both thicknesses, sc in each st along side and continue working along the floor and bottom of side wall. Fasten off. Join opposite Side Wall in same manner.

### ATTACHING ROOF & WALLS

**Rnd 1:** Place Roof next to Back and Side Walls with Inner Walls tog, starting at left side and working through both thicknesses, join gray heather with sc in center sc of corners, sc in each st along side, across Back Wall and next Side Wall, working in sts of Roof front only, sc in each st across, **join** (see *Pattern Note*) in beg sc.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 2, 2 dc in same corner st as beg ch-2, \*(dc, ch 2, sl st) in next st, sl st in each of next 2 sts, (sl st, ch 2, dc) in next st, rep from \* across to center corner st, 3 dc in next center corner st, rep from \* around, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. Fasten off.

### DRAWBRIDGE CHAINS

Join gray heather with sl st in top corner of Front Wall, ch 25, sl st in junction of Roof and Side Wall, adjusting ch as needed to allow Front Wall to lay flat when opened. Fasten off. Join gray heather on opposite edge and rep Drawbridge Chain.

### BUTTON LOOPS

Join gray heather with sl st in 2nd st from top center of Front Wall, ch 10, sl st in same st. Fasten off. Join gray heather on opposite edge and rep Button Loop.

Fold Front Wall closed, sew a button to each Side Wall matching Button Loop.

## HANDLE

With 2 strands of gray heather held tog, join with sl st at center of Roof and Walls rnd 2, ch 2, sc in first ch, [insert hook under lp at left side of sc just made, draw up lp, yo, draw through both lps] 35 times, sl st at center of Roof and Walls rnd 2 at opposite edge. Fasten off.

## DRAGON FINGER PUPPET

**Rnd 1:** Starting at head, with spring green, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, place st marker. (6 sc)

**Rnd 2:** [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] around. (9 sc)

**Rnd 3:** Ch 1, sc in each st around.

**Rnd 4:** Rep rnd 3.

**Rnd 5:** Sc in next st, working in **front lp** (see *Stitch Guide*) of next st, (sc, dc, ch 2, sl st) in next st (*ear completed*), sc in each of next 2 sts, working in front lp of next st, (sc, dc, ch 2, sl st) in next st (*ear completed*), sl st in each of next 4 sts.

**Rnd 6:** Sc in next st, sc in rem **back lp** (see *Stitch Guide*) of next st from rnd 4 behind ear, sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in rem back lp of next st from rnd 4 behind ear, sl st in each of next 4 sl sts. (9 sts)

**Rnd 7–10:** Rep rnd 3. (9 sc)

**Rnd 11:** [Sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] around. (12 sc)

**Rnd 12:** 2 sc in each st around. (24 sc)

**Rnd 13:** Sc in each of next 4 sts, sk next 6 sts (*arm*), sc in each of next 6 sts, sk next 6 sts (*arm*), sc in each of next 2 sts. (12 sc)

**Rnd 14:** Rep rnd 3.

**Rnd 15:** Rep rnd 12. (24 sc)

**Rnd 16:** Sc in each of next 6 sts, sk next 6 sts (*leg*), sc in each of next 6 sts, sk next 6 sts (*leg*), sl st in first sc. Fasten off. (12 sc)

## ARM

**Make 2.**

**Rnd 1:** Join spring green with sc in sk st on rnd 12, sc in each of next 5 sc. (6 sc)

**Rnd 2:** Sc in each of next 6 sc.

**Rnd 3:** Rep rnd 2. Sl st in next st, fasten off.

## LEG

**Make 2.**

**Rnd 1:** Join spring green with sc in sk st on rnd 15, sc in each of next 5 sc. (6 sc)

**Rnd 2:** Sc in each of next 6 sc.

**Rnd 3:** Rep rnd 2. Sl st in next st, fasten off.

## TAIL & BUMPS

**Rnd 1:** Beg with Tail, with spring green, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (6 sc)

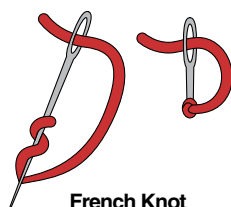
**Rnds 2–5:** Sc in each st around. At the end of rnd 5, sl st in next sc.

**Rnd 6:** [Ch 5, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, sc in next ch] 4 times, leaving 8-inch length. Fasten off.

Sew Bumps and Tail to Dragon, starting with Bump at top of head between ears.

## FINISHING

With length of black, embroider French knot for each eye just in front of ears.



French Knot

## PRINCESS FINGER PUPPET

**Rnd 1:** Starting at head, with Aran, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, place st marker. (6 sc)

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

**Rnd 3:** Ch 1, sc in each st around.

**Rnds 4–6:** Rep rnd 3.

**Rnd 7:** [Sc dec (see *Stitch Guide*) in next 2 sc] 6 times, **change color** (see *Stitch Guide*) to pale plum. Fasten off Aran. (6 sts)

**Rnd 8:** Working in **back lps** (see *Stitch Guide*), 2 sc in each st around. (12 sts)

**Rnd 9:** 2 sc in each st around. (24 sc)

**Rnd 10:** Sc in each of next 4 sts, sk next 6 sts (*arm*), sc in each of next 6 sts, sk next 6 sts (*arm*), sc in each of last 2 sts. (12 sc)

**Rnd 11:** Working in back lps, sc in each st around. (12 sc)

**Rnd 12:** [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] around. (18 sc)

**Rnds 13 & 14:** Rep rnd 3.

**Rnd 15:** Working in back lps, sc in each st around, sl st in next st. Fasten off.

**Rnd 16:** Working in rem **front lps** (see *Stitch Guide*) of rnd 14, join pale plum with sl st in any st, ch 3, [sl st in next st, ch 3] around, join with sl st in first st. Fasten off.

## ARM

**Make 2.**

**Rnd 1:** Join pale plum with sc in sk sc st on rnd 9, sc in each of next 5 sts. (6 sc)

**Rnd 2:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 3:** [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] around, sl st in first sc. Fasten off. (9 sc)

## HAND

**Make 2.**

Working in back lps, join Aran with sc in 3rd st of rnd 3 of Arm, sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc. Fasten off. (3 sc)

## HAIR

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

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

**Rnd 3:** (Sl st, ch 4, sl st) in next st, [(sl st, ch 12, sl st) in next st] 11 times, sl st in next st, leaving 8-inch length. Fasten off.

With short lp at center front of head, sew Hair to top of head.

### CROWN

With light gray, [ch 5, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, sc in next ch] 5 times, join, leaving 8-inch length. Fasten off. Sew Crown to center top of Head.

### FINISHING

Embroider eyes with a blue straight stitch and mouth with hot red in V-shape with straight stitches.

### KNIGHT FINGER PUPPET

**Rnd 1:** Starting at head, with Aran, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, place st marker. (6 sc)

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

**Rnd 3:** Ch 1, sc in each st around.

**Rnds 4–6:** Rep rnd 3.

**Rnd 7:** [Sc dec in next 2 sc] 6 times, change color to light gray. (6 sc)

**Rnd 8:** Working in back lps, 2 sc in each st around. (12 sts)

**Rnd 9:** 2 sc in each st around. (24 sc)

**Rnd 10:** Sc in each of next 4 sts, sk next 6 sts (*arm*), sc in next 6 sts, sk next 6 sts (*arm*), sc in last 2 sts. (12 sc)

**Rnds 11 & 12:** Rep rnd 3. At the end of rnd 12, sl st in next st, fasten off.

### ARM

#### Make 2.

**Rnd 1:** Join light gray with sc in sk sc st on rnd 9, sc in each of next 5 sts. (6 sc)

**Rnds 2 & 3:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 4:** [Sc dec in next 2 sts] around, sl st in first sc. Fasten off. (3 sc)

### LEG

#### Make 2.

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

**Rnds 2–5:** Sc in each of next 6 sc. At the end of rnd 5, sl st in next st, leaving 6-inch length of yarn, fasten off.

Flatten rnd 5 of Legs and rnd 12 of body, sewing through all thicknesses; sew legs to front of body.

### HELMET

**Rnd 1:** Starting at top of Helmet, with light gray, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, place st marker. (6 sc)

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

**Rnd 3:** Ch 1, sc in each st around.

**Row 4:** Now working in rows, sc in each of next 8 sc, leaving rem 4 sc unworked, turn. (8 sc)

**Row 5:** Ch 1, sc in each of next 8 sc, turn.

**Rnd 6:** Now working in rnds, ch 1, sc in each of next 8 sc, ch 5, sl st to join in first sc, turn. (8 sc, 5 chs)

**Rnd 7:** Ch 1, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sc in each of next 8 sc, join in beg sc. Fasten off. (13 sts)

### SHIELD

**Row 1:** With light gray, ch 2, sc in 2nd ch from hook, turn. (1 sc)

**Row 2:** Ch 1, 3 sc in next sc, turn. (3 sc)


**Row 3:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, turn. (5 sc)

**Rows 4 & 5:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

**Rnd 6:** Now working in rnds, ch 1, (sc, ch 1, hdc) in first st, sc in next st, ch 3, hdc in next st, sc in next st, ch 3, hdc in last st, working in ends of rows, sc in same st as hdc, sc in end of next 3 row, 3 sc in opposite side of beg ch, sc in each of next 3 rows, sc in same st as first sc, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

Sew Shield to end of right arm.

### FINISHING

With opening at front, place Helmet on head. With black, embroider a small straight stitch for eye. 

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