Crochet Tote Bag

100 gm first colour and 50 gm second colour of aran cotton yarn & 5mm hook.
Using first colour ch 31 loosley.
Row 1: 1 htr into the 2nd ch from hook, 1 htr into each st across, turn. (30 sts)
Row 2-4: Ch1, htr into each st across, turn. (30 sts)
Row 5: Ch1, 2 htr into the first st, 1 htr into each of the next 28 sts, 2 htr into the last st. Turn your work clockwise and work 3 htr into the side of rows 1-4. Turning clockwise again, work 2 htr into the bottom loop of the starting ch, 1 htr into each of the next 28 sts, 2 htr into the last st. Turn clockwise again, work 3 htr into the side of rows 1-4; join into first htr with a sl st.(70 sts)
Round 6: Ch1, 2 htr into the first st, *1 htr into each of the next 29 sts, 2 htr into the next st, 1 htr into each of the next 4 sts; 2 htr into the next st, Repeat from * around, join into the beginning htr with a sl st. (74 sts)
Round 7: Ch1, 2 htr into the first st, *1 htr into each of the next 30 sts, 2 htr into the next st, htr into each of the next 5 sts; 2 htr into the next st, Repeat from * around, join into the beginning htr with a sl st. (78 sts)
Round 8-10: Ch1, 1 htr into each st around, join into the beginning htr with a sl st. (78 sts)
Change to second colour in last stitch in Round 10.
Round 11: 1 ch then dc in each stitch.

Round 12: *Ch 5, sk the next 2 sts, 1 dc into the next st; Repeat from * around, join into the beginning ch-5 sp with a sl st. (26 ch-5 sps)
Round 13-15: *Ch 5, 1 dc into the next ch-5 sp; Repeat from * round. (26 sps)
Round 16: *Ch 2, 1 dc into next ch-5 sp; Repeat from *, join to last dc (78 sts)
Round 17: Ch 1, dc into each st around. Join in beginning dc. (78 sts)
Change to Color A in the last stitch of the round.
Round 18-20: Ch 1, 1 htr into each st around, sl st into first htr. (78 sts)
Change to Color B in the last stitch of Round 20.
Round 21: Ch 1, 1 dc into each st and join with a sl st. (78 sts)
Round 22: *Ch 5, sk next 2 sts, 1 dc in next st; Repeat from *, join wth sl st (26sps)
Round 23-25: *Ch 5, 1 dc into the next ch-5 sp; Repeat from * around.
Round 26: *Ch 2, 1 dc in next ch-5 sp; Repeat from * and join with sl st (78st)
Round 27: Ch 1, 1 dc into each st and join with a sl st in first st. (78 sts)
Change to Color A in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the round.
Round 28-29: Ch 1, 1 htr into each st around, sl st to join (78 sts)

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Round 30: Ch 1, 2 dc into ch sp, *sk next st, 2 dc into ch sp*. Sl st to first dc.(74 sts)
Round 31-32: Ch 1, sk next st, dc into ea st around. Sl st into first dc (74 sts)
(Note: Before starting row 33 lay bag flat and make sure that the handles sit evenly across bag and take care not to twist the 70 chain when reattaching it to the bag)
Round 33: Ch 1, sk next st, dc into ea of next 7 sts. Ch 70, sk next 21 sts,dc into ea of next 16 sts. Ch 70, sk next 21 sts, dc into ea of next 8 sts. Sl st to first dc (172 sts)
Rounds 34-35: Ch 1, sk next st, dc in all sts around.

Fasten off yarn and sew in any ends.