



The Essentials Purse

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Pattern Notes:

- Gauge is not essential to this project but will affect the finished size
- Size: 8.5" wide x 7" tall x 2" base
- Colors are designated as Color A and Color B

Stitches Used:

ch- chain
sc- single crochet
sl st- slip stitch

Special Stitches: (Spike Stitches)

SP- Insert hook 2 rows below, pull up loop, yarn over and draw through both loops

SP-3- Insert hook 3 rows below, pull up loop, yarn over and draw through both loops

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What You'll Need:

G hook (4 mm)
WW yarn (I used Lily
Sugar and Cream- 2-3
skeins, 240-300 yds)
Yarn needle
Button (2")

Gauge:

9 sc x 10 rows = 2"

Pattern Directions

Stitch Placement:

SP-3 from R12



2 SP from R10



Pattern:

With Color A

R1: Ch 29. In 2nd ch from hook, sc, sc across until you have 1st remaining. 4 sc in last stitch. Turn so you are working along back of chain. Sc across until you have 1 st left, 4 sc in last ch. Join. (62 sc)

R2: Ch 1, sc in same st and next 27 st, 2 sc in next 2 st, sc next 28 st, 2sc in next 2 st, sc in last. Join to first sc. (66 sc)

R3: Ch 1, sc in same st and next 28 st, **2sc in next, sc in next**2x, sc next 29 st, **2sc in next, sc in next**2x. Join to first sc. (70)

R4-5: Ch 1, sc in same st and each st around. Join to first sc. (70)

Change to color B

R6: Ch 1, sc in same st and each st around. Join to first sc. (70)

Change to Color A

R7-9: Rpt R5

Change to color B

R10: Ch 1, sc in next st, **2 SP (note: this will take the place of 2 regular sc stitches), sc next 3** around until you have 3 st left, 2 SP, sc last 2 st. Join to first sc. (14 SP groups, 70 stitches in total)

Change to color A

R11: Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join to first sc. (70)

Change to color B:

R12: ch 1, sc in next 2 st, **SP-3 into middle of st where your SP group is from R10, sc next 4** rpt around until you have 3 st left. SP-3 (in middle of 2 scs from R10), sc last 2. Join. (14 SP, 70 stitches in total)

R13-30: Rpt R7-12 3 more times.

Change to Color A

R31: Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join to first sc. (70)

Break yarn and weave in ends.

Flap:

Lay bag flat. Place stitch marker in stitch on each side of bag (you should have 35 stitches from one to the other). Count forward one stitch and rejoin yarn.

R1: ch 1, sc in next 36 st. (37)

R2-5: Ch 1, turn. sc across (37)

R6: sc2tog twice, sc next 29, sc2tog twice (33)

R7: ch 1, turn, sc across (33)

R8: sc2tog twice, sc next 25, sc2tog twice (29)

R9: ch 1, turn, sc across (29)

R10: sc2tog twice, sc next 21, sc2tog twice (25)

R11: ch 1, turn, sc next 10, ch 5, sk next 5, sc last 10 (25)

R12: sc2tog twice, sc next 6, place 5 sc in ch space, sc next 6, sc2tog twice. (21)

Break yarn. Weave in ends.

Reattach Color B to end of flap. Sc in each st around. Join. Break yarn and weave in ends.



Rejoin yarn here

Strap:

Option 1 (thick strap):

Note: As written, the strap measures about 44". If you'd like a longer or shorter strap, adjust the starting chain by a multiple of 5 stitches.

Starting with Color A

R1: Ch 166 (leave a long tail to start in order to sew this end to your bag). In 2nd ch from hook, sc across. (165)

R2-3: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. (165)

Change to Color B

R4: Ch 1, sc in next st, **2 SP (note: this will take the place of 2 regular sc stitches), sc next 3** around until you have 3 st left, 2 SP in previous row sk 2 sc, sc last 2 st. Join to first sc. (33 SP groups, 165 stitches in total)

Change to color A

R5: Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join to first sc. (165)

Change to color B:

R6: ch 1, sc in next 2 st, **SP-3 rows down (into middle of st where your SP group is from R10), sc next 4** rpt around until you have 3 st left. SP-3 2 rows down (in middle of 2 scs from R10), sc last 2. Join. (33 SP, 165 stitches in total)

Change to Color A

R7-9: ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. (165)

Break yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Option 2 (skinny strap-as shown in picture):

R1: Ch 166. In 2nd ch from hook, sc across. (165)

R2: ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. (165)

Break yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Finishing:

Place strap on the inside of your bag with one end right next to the flap end and about 1" inside bag. Use your long tail to sew strap end. Try to hide your stitches within the same color stitches in bag.

Repeat for the other side of strap.

Weave in all loose ends.

Sew button about five rows below top of bag directly in the middle (make sure it lines up with your button hole!)

Enjoy!