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Included: Purse instructions, inside pocket instructions, and credit card holder instructions; photos are at end of document.

Crocheted Purse Must have a basic knowledge of crochet and understand all abbreviations to work this purse. Basic sewing skills also needed.

Materials:

Crochet hook size 1 or B, Susan Bates

Crochet thread size 10, 750 yards - 1250 yards [depends on how tight you work]

Needlepoint needle for weaving in loose ends

Lining material of choice [launder before sewing into purse]

Matching thread and needle

3/4" - 1" button [optional: 9"-12" zipper if you don't want a flap on your purse]

Scissors

Sewing machine

Iron and ironing board to press fabric if needed

Finished size: approximately 8 1/2" high and 7 1/2" wide, without handle or strap, depending on your gauge. Weave in all ends.

Front

Ch 71, turn, sc in sec ch from hook, \* sk 2 ch, 5 dc [shell] in next ch, sk 2 ch, sc in next ch\*, repeat from \* to \* across, end with 3 dc in last ch, ch 1, turn. [this is right side of purse].

Row 2: sc in first dc, \* shell in sc of row below, sc in center dc of shell of row below \*, repeat \* to \* across, ending with 3 dc in last sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 3 - 42 [or to desired length]: repeat row 2.

Row 43 [or second to last row]: sc in ea. dc, hdc in ea. sc across, ch 1, turn.

Row 44 [last row]: sc across, fasten off.

Back

Work to match front, ending with row 44, ch 1, turn.

Note: for more advanced crocheters, you can attach your thread to the opposite side of the starting ch, and continue working back from there. Make sure right side of front is facing you when you work row 1.

Flap

Row 1: working this row in back loops only, sc across, ch1, turn.

Row 2: working rest of flap in both loops, work row 1 of body, ch 1, turn.

Row 3: sk sts needed to reach first sc; shell in sc, sc in center of shell of row below, repeat across to last shell, sc in center of shell, ch 1, turn.

Row 4: ch 1, sk sts to reach center of shell, sc in center dc of shell, shell in sc, work in pattern across to last shell, sc in center of last shell, ch 1, turn.

Rows 5 - 13: repeat row 4 [2 shells left at end of row 13].

Row 14: Ch 1, sc in center dc, sc in next 2 dc, hdc in sc, sc in next 3 dc, ch 1, turn.

Row 15: ch 9, sl st in first dc of row 14. Turn, sc or sl st [depending on the look you want] in ea. ch across, join with sl st in beginning sc, ch 1, turn.

Working across edges of rows, sc in first space, skip enough stitches that look like 2 sc, shell in next st; work in pattern across, including button hole edge. At end of row, sc, ch 1, turn. Repeat this row 2 more times or as many as needed to end on right side. Fasten off.

With right side facing, attach thread with sc to right side of flap [purse/flap is upside down on your lap]. Estimate 2 sts, skip these, work shell in next st;

work in pattern across edge of flap, including button hole, to other edge of flap. Ch 3, turn. Work 2 more dc in same st, sc in center dc of shell; work in pattern across to other end, ending with 3 dc, ch 1, turn. Sc in same sp, shell in sc, sc in center of shell; work across to other end. Work as many rows as wanted, making sure to end on right side. Edges of flap will be straight down, not angled, but the center of the flap will still be angled down and lower in the front.

#### Finishing

Flap will not be lined.

Sew bottom edges together. Lay on lining fabric and pin to fabric. Cut out lining fabric leaving at least a half inch around purse. Mark edges of purse with fabric pencil. Remove purse and place fabric right sides together; sew side edges of lining together but do not turn right side out. Sew side edges of purse together. Insert lining into purse and make sure the bottom edge is at the bottom of the purse and that the lining is not bunched up inside the purse. Fold the tops of lining so it is just below edge of the purse in front and just below the row that was worked in back rows on the back. Pin lining top to purse top and sew using whip stitch. Position flap over front of purse and attach button so that the button hole will fit comfortably over the button without pulling. [I attach the button before I sew the sides of the purse together and before the lining is inserted; you do what you feel most comfortable doing]

#### Strap

Ch 6, attach with sc in 3rd sc from seam, sc in next 2 sc, sc in first 3 loops of row 1 of Flap.

Ch 1, turn. Working across, you can either sc in each sc and ch or you can sc in first sc, sk 2 sc, shell in next sc, and work across to end of chain. [12 sts total if you sc across]. Ch 1, turn.

I've made straps in both this shell stitch and in sc. The sc seems to be a bit sturdier, but the shell strap matches the purse better. It's your choice. Work to the length you want.

Fold strap in half putting the fold in front. You will have an open side, and you will now sl st across this, working thru both thickness'. At the end of the strap, you can fasten off leaving a long tail to sew the edge of the chain row to the purse, or you can sl st across to the other side. I prefer to end off and attach the thread to the other side. Sl st along the fold, working thru both thickness', to the end of the strap. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing this end to the purse, matching the placement of the other side.. You can sew charms to the handle at the purse edge at this time, or you can attach charms when you begin the strap, or you can attach charms with jump rings. I've done all these, and find that it's easier to attach charms with jump rings or when I sew the handle to the purse. Attaching the charm when you begin to work the strap results in a charm that can twist around and not stay flat, in which case you will have to sew another loop of thread thru the charm anyway. [the strap will stretch when items are put in the purse, so keep that in mind when choosing

the length of strap you want to make]

#### Purse finishing without flap

Work front and back the same, ending with row 44 on both. Sew bottom seam together and lay on lining fabric, pinning purse to fabric. Cut out fabric leaving at least 1/2" around the purse. Mark the tops of the fabric to match the tops of the purse tops. Remove the purse. Sew the zipper in following manufacturers directions, with the right side of the fabric on the inside. The extra fabric on each side and on the tops will be on the outside of the lining. When inserted into the purse these will not be seen. If fabric is not turned with the right side in, do this, and then sew up the side seams.

Sew up side seams of purse. Insert the lining into the purse and sew the tops of the lining to the purse tops, making sure the zipper will work without much pulling. Attach a charm or zipper pull to end of zipper if wanted.

Make strap in the same way as stated before.

This purse can easily be altered. To increase the size, increase the foundation chain. Or, you can use a larger hook size and larger thread [example: Lustersheen and an E or F hook] or try using 2 strands of # 10 thread held together with a size 2 or B hook or larger. You can try substituting trebles for the double crochets.

You can also add beads to your purse. The easiest way is to string the beads on before you start crocheting. You can always add more beads when you run out, but you have to cut the thread, string the beads, attach the thread to your cut thread, and continue. Experiment with the different sizes of beads [seed beads and E beads work well with thread; you might not be able to get a bead with a large enough hole to work with Lustersheen] and see what works best for you. You must remember to keep the beads on the outside of your purse as you work. If you work one bead at the top of each dc, you will get a very nice look without making it look over-done. Combine a contrasting bead color to the thread color for a dramatic look, or match colors for a classic look. You can also bead some fringe on the bottom of the purse once it has been put together. If you do this, you might want to use Sof-flex or some other type of flexible beading wire instead of thread [will make it sturdier]. For a different look, you can use larger beads, 4mm to 6mm, and work one bead in the center of each shell only. You can always sew your crocheted purse to a metal purse frame and add a nice chain for a different look.

What ever you decide to do, have fun with it.

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Crocheted Purse Pocket, designed to go inside of Crocheted Purse

Materials:

size 10 crochet cotton to match purse

size 1 or B Susan Bates crochet hook

Large eye needle

scissors

one small button, size 7/16"

Holding purse with back facing you, open purse flap and fold it back. Look for row on purse that was crocheted in back loops only. Attach thread with sc about an inch in from edge on this row on purse. Sc across, making sure that this row doesn't show thru outside of purse. Stop about 1" from other edge, ch 1, turn. You should have 51 sc.

Rows 2 - 33

Sc in each sc across, ch 1 and turn at end of each row.

Row 34

working this row only in back loops, sc across. Ch 1, turn, at end of row.

Rows 35 - 60

working these rows in both loops, sc across, ch1 and turn at end of each row.

Row 61

sc in first 25 sts, ch 8 [or as long a ch as you need to get over button], skp 1 st, sc in last 25 sts, end off leaving long thread for sewing seam.

Fold pocket in half with row 34 at the bottom, as the 'hinge'. Sew side seams.

Sew button at center near row 3.

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Credit Card/Drivers License Holder to match Crocheted Purse.

Materials

size 10 crochet thread to match purse

size 1 or B Susan Bates crochet hook

large eye needle

scissors

Velcro dots to match color of thread, or white

White craft glue

Ch 33, sc in second ch from hook, \* sk 2 ch, work shell [5 dc] in next ch, sk 2 ch, sc in next ch \*, repeat across. If you end with a sc, ch 3. If you end with 3 dc in last sc, ch 1. Turn.

rows 2 - 23

work shell in each sc, work sc in center of each shell. Ending half shell is 3 dc in last sc. Beginning half shell is ch 3, 2 dc, in sc.

row 24

sc in each dc, hdc in each sc. Ch 1, turn at end of row.

row 25

this row only, sc in back loops of each st. Ch 1, turn.

row 26 - 30

work in shell pattern.

row 26

Ch 1, do not turn. Work sc evenly spaced along edge, work 3 sc in corner, sc across opposite edge of starting chain, 3 sc in corner, work sc evenly spaced along other edge. Do not work across last shell row. End off leaving long tail for sewing seam. Weave thread tail thru sc sts till you reach row 25. Fold row one up till it it's even with row 24, and sew side seam. Sew other side seam to match. Attach thread with sc to one corner, ch 10 or desired length. Fasten off. Attach to inside of purse where desired.

Glue Velcro to flap and to outside of holder front to match.

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Below is this purse pattern made in ecru color crochet thread. Below that are photos of the credit card holder, and the inside pocket.



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