



Flower Purse

(Clutch, Bag, Handbag, Wallet)

Pretty for all year 'round.

Help Video: youtube.com/naztazia

Look for the video "Flower Purse"

Notes: You can alter the size of the purse to fit your needs. To alter the width, just chain an uneven number of stitches to start (as opposed to the recommended 31, you can do 41, or 57, or 65). To alter the height, just make more rows of stitches than the recommended 19". Please see the YouTube help video if you need assistance: <http://youtube.com/naztazia>

Purse: Make a slipknot. Then chain 31.

Row 1: Skip the first chain. Do a single crochet in the next chain. Do a double crochet in the next chain. Do a single crochet in the next chain, do a double crochet in the next chain. Repeat this single crochet, followed by a double crochet, across the row. Total stitches = 30.

Row 2: Chain 1 and turn your work. Skip the chain just made. Do a single crochet in the next chain. Do a double crochet in the next chain. Repeat this single crochet, followed by a double crochet, across the row. Total stitches = 30. You will notice that you are putting a single crochet above the previous row's double crochet, and you are putting a double crochet above the previous row's single crochet. This creates the interesting texture.

Rows 3+: Repeat Row 2 until your piece measures 19" in height. Cut off and weave in ends.

Lining: Fold purse in thirds, making the lower two thirds larger than the top third (flap). Mark where to sew the lining. Cut the felt lining 1/8" to 1/4" smaller than the actual purse size. Sew the lining along the bottom edge, right-hand side, and top edge. Before completing the lining on the left side, insert a piece of plastic canvas to help keep the purse's shape. Also if you are using magnetic clasps, insert those at this time (the video shows easy ways to do this: <http://youtube.com/naztazia>) Afterwards, finish sewing the remaining lining to the purse. Cut and weave in ends.

Flap Edge: I like to do an optional reverse single crochet (crab stitch) along the bottom edge of the flap.

Seam: Sew the side seams of the purse.

Handle: I like to make a 3-stitch Tunisian handle. Please refer to the Flower Purse video if you need assistance: <http://youtube.com/naztazia>

Row 1: Attach the yarn to one of the stitches along the upper left side seam of the purse. Insert hook into that stitch, yarn over and pull through so you have one loop on your hook. Insert hook into the next stitch, yarn over and pull through. You now have two loops on your hook. Insert hook into the next stitch, yarn over and pull through. You now have three loops on your hook. Yarn over and pull through the first closest loop on your hook. Yarn over and pull through two loops on your hook. Yarn over and pull through the remaining two loops on your hook.

Row 2: Insert your hook into the second stitch's vertical bar, yarn over and pull through. You now have two loops on your hook. Insert your hook into the last stitch's vertical bar, yarn over and pull through. You now have three loops on your hook. Yarn over, and pull through the first closest loop. Yarn over and pull through two loops on your hook. Yarn over and pull through the remaining two loops on your hook.

Rows 3: Repeat Row 2 for the length of your handle. Once completed, slip stitch the three stitches on the opposite side of the purse to secure. Cut and weave in ends.

Materials:

- 250-300 yards worsted weight yarn for the purse. The sample 7"x8" purse is made with Caron's Simply Soft.
- 1 piece of 9"x12" felt (to serve as the lining). You may need more if your purse is larger.
- 1 sheet of plastic canvas. Sample purse used a piece 6.5"x7.5".
- Several skeins of embroidery floss. Sample purse used 4 dark pink, 2 light pink, 2 light green, 1 dark green.
- Size E (3.5 mm) crochet hook for the flowers and Size G (4.0-4.25mm) crochet hook for the purse.
- Magnetic clasp or buttons to serve as purse closure.
- Optional pearls
- Sewing needle, scissors

Terms Used

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Flower:

With light pink embroidery floss and a size E crochet hook, make a magic ring/loop/circle (see video for an easy way: <http://youtube.com/naztazia>)

Round 1: Do 16 single crochet stitches in the ring. Slip stitch to first stitch. Pull beginning tail end tightly to close ring.

Round 2: Chain 1. Do 1 half double crochet in the same stitch. Chain 1. Skip 1 stitch. Do 1 half double crochet in the next stitch, Chain 1. Repeat this pattern of “Skip 1 stitch, Do 1 half double crochet in the next stitch, then Chain 1” all the way around. At the end, slip stitch to the first half double crochet. Cut and weave in your light pink ends.

Round 3: Insert a darker pink floss in one of the chain 1 spaces and tie it securely. Chain 1. Do 1 single crochet, 4 double crochets, and 1 single crochet all in that same space. Then in the next chain-1 space from below, do 1 single crochet, 4 double crochets, and 1 single crochet all in that same space. Keep repeating this pattern of “1 single crochet, 4 double crochets, and 1 single crochets in the same space” all the way around. At the end, do not slip stitch – just proceed to Round 4.

Round 4: Chain 4. Wrap a slip stitch around the first post of a previous row’s light-pink half-double crochet. Chain 4. Wrap a slip stitch around the next post of a previous row’s light-pink half double crochet. Repeat this pattern of “Chain 4, wrap a slip stitch around the next post” all the way around. Once completed, do not slip stitch – just proceed to Round 5.

Round 5: In the first chain-4 ring you made originally, do 1 single crochet, 5 double crochets and 1 single crochet all in that same ring. Repeat this pattern of “1 single crochet, 5 double crochets, and 1 single crochet all in that same ring” for all the rings around. At the end, slip stitch to the first single crochet. Cut and weave in your ends.

Leaves:

With TWO strands of a lighter green floss held together and a size E crochet hook, make a slipknot, then chain 11.

Row 1: Skip the first chain and do 1 single crochet in the next 2 chains. Then do 1 half double crochet in the next 2 chains. Then 1 double crochet in the next 2 chains. Then 1 half double crochet in the next 2 chains. Then 1 single crochet in the next 2 chains. Your work should look like this: sc, sc, hdc, hdc, dc, dc, hdc, hdc, sc, sc.

Row 2: Pivot your work to now crochet on the opposite side of the chain. Do 1 single crochet in the same space of your previous single crochet. Do 1 single crochet in the next chain. Do 1 half double crochet in the next 2 chains. Do 1 double crochet in the next 2 chains. Do 1 half double crochet in the next 2 chains. Do 1 single crochet in the next 2 chains. Cut and weave in your ends. You can embroider “veins” in your leaves with the darker green floss.

Arrange your flowers and leaves on the purse’s flap and sew on with matching floss.

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