Ruffle Yarn Purse

(Clutch, Bag, Handbag, Wallet)

Good with Sashay or Starbella

Help Video: youtube.com/naztazia

Look for the video "Ruffle Yarn Purse"

With the worsted weight yarn and an H crochet hook, make a slipknot. Then chain 36.

Round 1: Skip the first chain. Do 1 single crochet in each of the next 35 chains. Mark your first stitch. Do 1 additional single crochet in the last chain. Pivot your work slightly to work up the other side of the chain. Do 1 single crochet in the same last chain, which will count now as the first single crochet. Do 1 single crochet in each of the next 34 stitches. Do 1 additional single crochet in the last stitch. Total stitches = 72.

Round 2: Do not slip stitch, but remove marker and do 1 single crochet in that marked stitch. Replace the marker on this new first stitch. Do 1 single crochet all around in each stitch.

Rounds 3 & 4: Repeat Round 2.

Round 5: Attach ruffle yarn and repeat Round 2, creating single crochet stitches with both the ruffle yarn and worsted weight yarn held together. See video for how-to: http://youtube.com/naztazia (ruffle yarn purse)

Round 6: Drop the ruffle yarn (do not cut it). Repeat Round 2 with just the worsted weight yarn.

Rounds 7-9: Repeat Round 2.

Continue in this pattern of repeating Round 5 (1 round of ruffle yarn) by picking up where you left off with the ruffle yarn and carrying it to the next ruffle yarn round, followed by 4 Rounds of single crochet stitches with just the worsted weight yarn until the purse is about 1.5 inch shorter than the final height you want. End on a ruffle yarn round – and cut and secure the ruffle yarn. Leave the worsted weight yarn intact.

<u>Lining</u>: Use 2 pieces of plastic canvas sewn together on the bottom to serve as a stabilizer in the purse. Use 2 pieces of craft felt sewn on 3 sides (top is open) to serve as purse lining. Insert plastic canvas into purse. Insert the lining and sew the lining to the purse. See video for help: http://youtube.com/naztazia (ruffle yarn purse)

<u>Top</u>: With a smaller hook (G), do 6-10 rounds of single crochet stitches with just the worsted weight yarn. Once completed, cut and weave in all ends. Sew button on front.

Button strap: find the center of the back side of the purse. Attach the worsted weight yarn 3 stitches to the right of this point (right for right-handers, left for left-handers). Chain 1 and do 7 single crochet stitches across. Chain 1, turn your work, and do 7 single crochet stitches across. Repeat this pattern until the strap is long enough. For the button loop, chain 5, then slip stitch to the other side of the strap. Cut and weave in all ends.

Strap: Use anywhere from 6-10 strands of worsted weight yarn, about 4 yards long (sample purse used 8 strands). Make a slipknot, and attach the loop through the one side of the purse. With the larger Q hook, do a simple chain to create the strap (if you do not have a hook, just use your fingers). Connect, and securely knot the strap on the other side.

Materials:

- 250-300 yards worsted weight yarn for the purse. The sample purse is made with Red Heart's Super Saver
- 1 ball of Ruffle Yarn. The sample is made with Red Heart's Sashay Seguins Ruffle Yarn.
- 2 pieces of 9"x12" printed or plain craft felt to serve as the lining (optional)
- 2 sheets of plastic canvas to support the purse (optional)
- 1 skein of matching embroidery floss (to sew lining to purse)
- 1 button
- Size Size G (4.0-4.25mm) & H (5 mm) crochet hook for the purse. An optional plastic Q hook can help with creating the strap.
- Sewing needle, scissors, stitch markers (paperclips, string, etc.)

Terms Used

CH - Chain

SC - Single crochet

RSC – Reverse single crochet a/k/a/ the

crab stitch

SI St = Slip Stitch

American English Crochet Terms

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