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Introduction

Crocheting and accessorising are my passions and I am delighted to introduce my book, which combines both. From a delicate, lacy pouch to a sweet keyring purse, I have designed projects to suit many tastes, and I am sure that you will find plenty of lovely projects to get your hook stuck in to.

The emphasis in this book is on stunning design coupled with simplicity. I have kept the patterns fairly basic so that they are all relatively easy to make, creating designs to appeal to both beginners and more advanced crocheters. The variety in the designs is created by simple shaping rather than using difficult stitches. Some of the projects in this book are super quick – you can make them in just a few hours.

Yarn is such an amazing medium to work with – there are so many shades and textures available that we are truly spoiled for choice. In this book you will find plenty of yarn variety, with purses worked in silk, linen, pure wool and many exciting fibre mixes. Some of the projects are embellished with flowers and corsages, such as the Isabel purse. As an alternative, you can add a brooch back to the corsage and use it to add some 'oomph' to your favourite outfit.

Whether you make them for yourself or as gifts for family and friends, I hope you have as much fun crocheting the purses as I had designing them.



Crochet know-how

US and UK crochet terminology

The names for basic crochet stitches differ in the UK and the US. In all patterns, US terms are given first (see opposite), followed by the UK terms in brackets – for example, US single crochet is written as sc (UKdc), and US double crochet as dc (UKtr).

Yarn

Most yarns on the market today come ready wound in balls, but some come in hanks which need to be wound into balls beforehand to stop them from knotting. All yarns come in different weights and thicknesses.

I have used a variety of yarns for the purses which can be substituted, but it is important to check the weight and length of yarn you choose against the ones used in this book to ensure you have enough yarn to finish your projects. Synthetic yarns might be easier to wash, but natural fibres keep their shape a lot better for many years and are a lot nicer to work with.

Lace yarn (1–3-ply) is a very fine yarn, used mostly for delicate openwork. Some of the projects in this book use the yarn doubled to add thickness (this is noted in the pattern).

4-ply yarn (fingering) is a superfine yarn, used for most work producing lightweight fabric; 4-ply mercerised cotton is fantastic for crocheting as it does not split, defines each stitch beautifully and produces a durable fabric with amazing drape.

DK yarn (8-ply) is a medium weight yarn, and is the most commonly used. It can be used for most types of crocheting, from plain, lace and textured, producing medium weight garments.

Worsted/aran yarns (10-ply) are both slightly thicker than DK yarn. Worsted yarn is slightly lighter than aran, but both weights of yarn can be used on any of the purses that call for medium weight yarn. Worsted/aran yarn produces medium weight fabrics that are suitable for many crochet projects.



Tension

I have not given a specific tension for any of the projects, but the approximate completed size. It is not essential to achieve any particular tension on any of the items as they are accessories, so if they turn out a bit bigger or smaller it will not make much difference. However, the finished guide should provide a basic idea of what size the completed purse should be if you use yarn of a similar weight.

Crochet hooks

It is essential to work with a hook that is easy on your hands. Crochet hooks are made from aluminium, steel, plastic, bamboo and wood. I have always found wooden hooks wonderful to work with; however, it is best to experiment with different types to find one that suits you and offers comfort and control.

Other materials

I have used a range of clasps for the purses. They are produced by Prym and are widely available online. You will also need scraps of fabric for purse linings; a good pair of scissors for cutting fabric and ends of yarn; a tapestry needle for weaving in ends of yarn and sewing motifs on top of purses; and a standard household needle and thread for attaching the lining fabric to the insides of the purses. It may also be useful to have some iron-on medium-weight interfacing. You simply iron this on to the back of the fabric to stiffen it, and it will help your purse keep its shape.

Mattress stitch

Mattress stitch is very useful, as it makes a practically invisible and nicely flexible seam for joining pieces of crocheted fabric together.

- 1 With RS of work facing, insert a tapestry needle through a stitch in the bottom right corner, then across to the bottom left corner, then through both pieces again to secure firmly.
- 2 Take your needle back to the right edge and insert it a little further up, then across to catch a stitch on the left side.
- 3 Repeat step 2 to continue.
- 4 After every few stitches, gently pull the long end of the yarn to draw the stitches together so that the seam yarn disappears and is not visible on the right side of the crochet.
- 5 Fasten off yarn securely at the other end.

Yarns used for the purses

Lace (2-ply)

Rowan Fine Lace – 80% baby Suri alpaca, 20% merino wool fine.

Yardage: 50g ball/400m/437yd.

Rowan Kidsilk Haze – 70% mohair, 30% silk.

Yardage: 25g ball/210m/229yd.

4-ply yarn

Rowan Wool/Cotton 4-ply – 50% cotton, 50% merino wool.

Yardage: 50g/180m/197yd.

Rowan Cotton glaze – 100% mercerised cotton.

Yardage: 50g/115m/125yd.

Double knitting (8-ply)

Rowan Felted Tweed DK – 50% merino wool, 25% alpaca, 25% viscose.

Yardage: 50g/175m/191yd.

Rowan Wool Cotton – 50% cotton, 50% merino wool.

Yardage: 50g/113m/123yd.

Rowan Pure Wool DK – 100% superwash wool.

Yardage: 50g/130m/142yd.

Rowan Pure Linen – 100% linen.

Yardage: 50g/130m/142yd.

Worsted/aran (10-ply)

Rowan Pure Wool worsted – 100% superwash wool.

Yardage: 100g/200m/219yd.

Rowan Creative Focus Worsted – 75% wool, 25% alpaca.

Yardage: 100g/200m/219yd.

Rowan Creative Linen – 50% linen, 50% cotton.

Yardage: 100g/200m/219yd.

Rowan Kid Classic – 70% lambswool, 22% kid mohair, 8% polyamide.

Yardage: 50g/140m/153yd.

Rowan Softknit Cotton – 92% cotton, 8% polyamide.

Yardage: 50g/105m/115yd.

Crochet Abbreviations

The abbreviations listed below are the most frequently used terms in the book. Any special abbreviations in a crochet pattern are explained on the relevant project page.

US

sl st (slip stitch)

ch st (chain stitch)

ch sp (chain space)

sc (single crochet)

hdc (half double crochet)

dc (double crochet)

tr (treble crochet)

dtr (double treble crochet)

skip

yrh (yarn round hook)

beg (beginning)

rep (repeat)

sp/s (space(s))

UK

sl st (slip stitch)

ch st (chain stitch)

ch sp (chain space)

dc (double crochet)

htr (half treble crochet)

tr (treble crochet)

dtr (double treble crochet)

trtr (triple treble crochet)

miss

yrh (yarn round hook)

beg (beginning)

rep (repeat)

sp/s (space(s))



Olivia

Materials:

4 x 50g balls of 4-ply mercerised cotton yarn –
1 x light grey (A), 1 x heather (B), 1 x rose (C),
1 x garnet (D), each 125yd/115m

Hook:

3.5mm (US E/4, UK 9) crochet hook

Notions:

Approx. 144 x small beads

Finished size:

Approx. 6in (15cm) wide and 3½in (9cm) high



Instructions:

Work beads into each sc (UKdc) on second row of colour A; beads are worked on WS of work.

With yarn A and 3.5mm (US E/4, UK 9) crochet hook, make 45 ch.

Row 1 (RS): 2 sc (UKdc) in second ch from hook, [1 sc (UKdc) in next 4 ch, skip 2 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 4 ch, 3 sc (UKdc) in next ch] three times, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 4 ch, skip 2 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 4 ch, 2 sc (UKdc) in last ch.

Row 2: 1 ch, 2 sc (UKdc) in base of ch, [1 sc (UKdc) in next 4 sts, skip 2 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 4 sts, 3 sc (UKdc) in next st] three times, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 4 sts, skip 2 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 4 sts, 2 sc (UKdc) in last st.

Row 2 forms the pattern.

Work in pattern following the stripe sequence as follows:

Rows 3 and 4: yarn B.

Rows 5 and 6: yarn C.

Rows 7 and 8: yarn D.

Rows 9 and 10 (beaded): yarn A.

Repeat stripe sequence four more times, ending with row 2 of yarn A repeat (beaded).

Making up

Fold work in three parts and secure sides by working a row of sc (UKdc) in yarn B, then continue with sc (UKdc) along top of inner edge of purse.



Watermelon



Materials:

4 x 100g balls of worsted yarn
(UK light aran) – 1 x deep
rose (A), 1 x white (B), 1 x
green (C), each 220yd/200m

Hook:

4.5mm (US 7, UK 7)
crochet hook

Notions:

Approx. 111 x small
black beads
1 x 6¾in (17cm) zip

Finished size:

Approx. 3½in (9cm) end to
end and 7½in (19cm) at the
widest point

Instructions:

Thread all the beads onto yarn A and with
4.5mm (US 7, UK 7) crochet hook make 6 hdc
(UKhtr) in adjustable ring. Join with a sl st to
first st.

Work a bead into every other hdc (UKhtr) on
rounds: 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 only.

Round 1: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (UKhtr)), 1 hdc
(UKhtr) into base of 2 ch, *2 hdc (UKhtr) in next
st, rep from * to end, sl st into second ch at beg
of round (12 sts).

Round 2: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (UKhtr)), 1 hdc
(UKhtr) into base of 2 ch, *1 hdc (UKhtr) in next
st, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st, rep from * to last st,
1 hdc (UKhtr) into last st, sl st into second ch at
beg of round (18 sts).

Round 3: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (UKhtr)), 1 hdc
(UKhtr) in next st, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st, *1
hdc (UKhtr) in next 2 sts, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next
st, rep from * to end, sl st into second ch at beg
of round (24 sts).

Round 4: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (UKhtr)), 1 hdc
(UKhtr) in next 2 sts, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st, *1
hdc (UKhtr) in next 3 sts, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next
st, rep from * to end, sl st into second ch at beg
of round (30 sts).

Round 5: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (UKhtr)), 1 hdc
(UKhtr) in next 2 sts, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st, *1
hdc (UKhtr) in next 3 sts, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st,
rep from * to last 2 sts, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next 2
sts, sl st into second ch at beg of round (37 sts).

Round 6: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (UKhtr)), 1 hdc
(UKhtr) in next 2 sts, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st, *1

hdc (UKhtr) in next 3 sts, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next
st, rep from * to last st, 1 hdc (UKhtr), sl st into
second ch at beg of round (46 sts).

Round 7: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (UKhtr)), 1 hdc
(UKhtr) in next 2 sts, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st, *1
hdc (UKhtr) in next 3 sts, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st,
rep from * to last 2 sts, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next 2
sts, sl st into second ch at beg of round (57 sts).

Round 8: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (UKhtr)), 1 hdc
(UKhtr) in next 2 sts, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st, *1
hdc (UKhtr) in next 3 sts, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next
st, rep from * to last st, 1 hdc (UKhtr), sl st into
second ch at beg of round (71 sts).

Round 9: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (UKhtr)), 1 hdc
(UKhtr) in next 2 sts, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st, *1
hdc (UKhtr) in next 3 sts, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st,
rep from * to last 3 sts, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next 3
sts, sl st into second ch at beg of round (88 sts).

Round 10: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (UKhtr)), 1 hdc
(UKhtr) in every st to end, sl st into second ch at
beg of round. Change to yarn B.

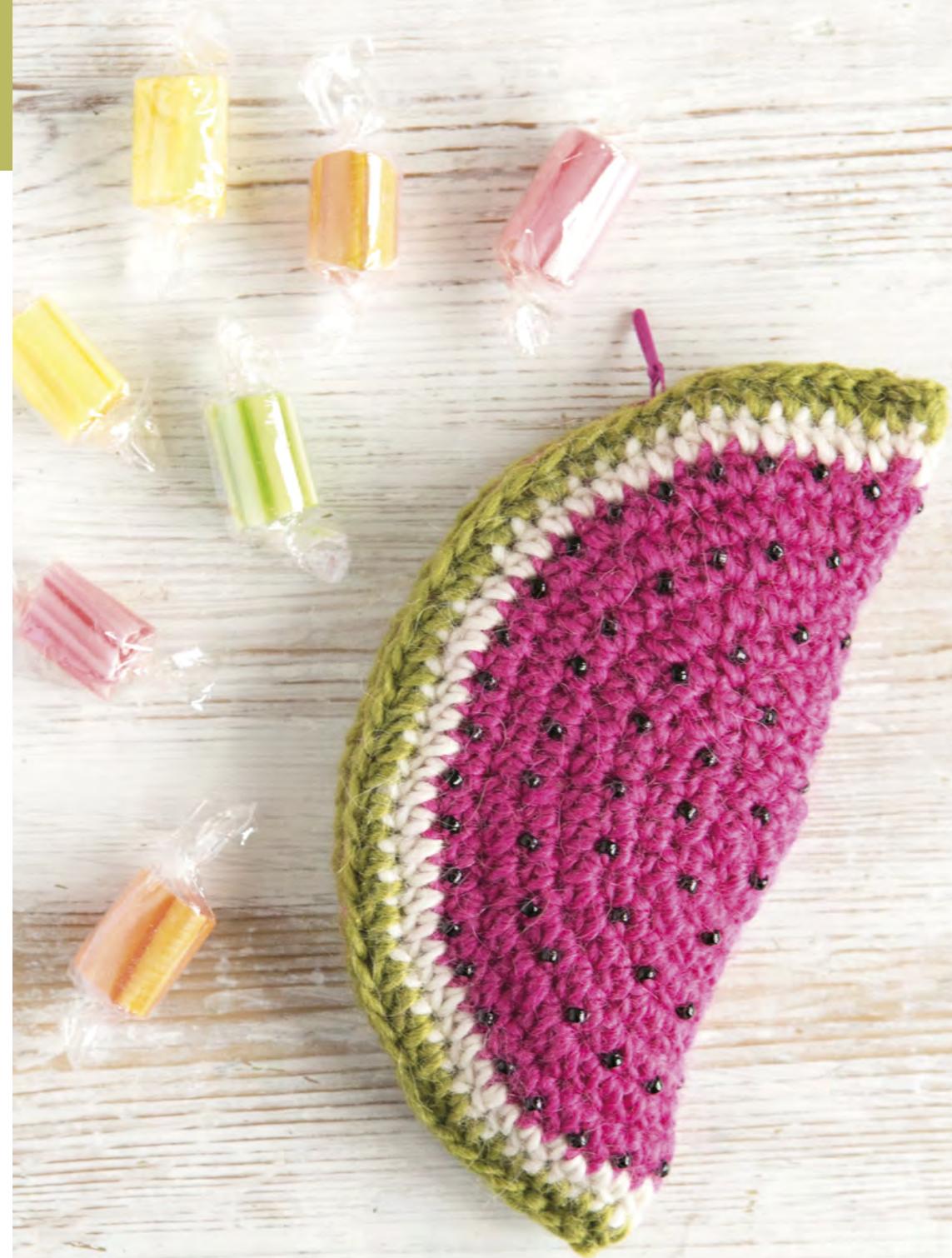
Round 11: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (UKhtr)), 1 hdc
(UKhtr) in every st to end, sl st into second ch at
beg of round. Change to yarn C.

Round 12: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (UKhtr)), 1 hdc
(UKhtr) in every st to end, sl st into second ch at
beg of round.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Weave in ends. Fold purse in half and stitch for
2in (5cm) up each side. Insert zip.



Karen

Materials:

1 x 50g ball of worsted (UK light aran) yarn in burgundy, 153yd/140m

8¼ x 13in (21 x 33cm) piece of lining fabric

Hook:

4.5mm (US 7, UK 7) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x 6¾in (17cm) zip

Finished size:

Approx. 6¼ x 8in (16 x 20cm)



Instructions (make 2):

With 4.5mm (US 7, UK 7) crochet hook make 32 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (UKdc) into second ch from hook, 1 sc (UKdc) into every ch to end (31 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 2 sts, [5 ch, skip 2 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 3 sts] five times, 5 ch, skip 2 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in last 2 sts.

Row 3: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, skip 1 st, [5 sc (UKdc) in next ch sp, skip 1 st, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, skip 1 st] five times, 5 sc (UKdc) in next ch sp, skip 1 st, 1 sc (UKdc) in last st.

Row 4: 6 ch (counts as 1 tr (UKdtr) and 2 ch), skip first 2 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 3 sts, [5 ch, skip 3 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 3 sts] five times, 2 ch, 1 tr (UKdtr) in last st.

Row 5: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in first tr (UKdtr), 2 sc (UKdc) in next 2-ch sp, skip 1 st, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, [5 sc (UKdc) in next 5-ch sp, skip 1 st, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, skip 1 st] five times, 2 sc (UKdc) in last ch sp, 1 sc (UKdc) in fourth ch of 6-ch at beg of previous round.

Row 6: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 2 sts, skip 1 st, [5 ch, skip next 3 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 3 sts] five times, 5 ch, skip next 3 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 2 sts.

Rep rows 3 to 6 twice more, then rows 3 to 5 once.

Next row: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 3 sts, skip 1 st, *5 sc (UKdc) in next 5 sts, skip 1 st, rep from * to last 3 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 3 sts.

Fasten off yarn.

Strap

With 4.5mm (US 7, UK 7) crochet hook, make 44 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (UKdc) in second ch from hook, 1 sc (UKdc) in each st to end (43 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end.

Rep row 2 once more.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

With WS facing, pin the strap into position at the right side of the purse and, using mattress stitch, join the back and front pieces together along three sides, trapping the strap in the seam. Insert the zip into the top of the purse and sew in the lining.



Aria



Materials:

- 1 x 25g ball of mohair and silk lace/2-ply yarn in white (A), 229yd/210m
- 1 x 50g ball of alpaca and merino lace/2-ply yarn in white (B), 437yd/400m
- 1 x round piece of lining fabric 5½in (14cm) in diameter and 1 x rectangular piece 6 x 12¼in (15 x 31cm)

Hook:

- 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

- 2 x large beads

Finished size:

- Approx. 5¼in (13cm) in diameter and 7½in (19cm) high

Pattern note: Use one strand of A and one of B held together throughout.

Instructions:

With yarn A and B held together and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook make 6 ch, join with sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, work 12 sc (UKdc) into ring, sl st to first st (12 sts).

Round 2: 1 ch, 2 sc (UKdc) in every st to end, sl st to first st (24 sts).

Round 3: 1 ch, *1 sc (UKdc) in next st, 2 sc (UKdc) in next st, rep from * to end, sl st to first st (36 sts).

Round 4 and 5: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end, sl st to first st.

Round 6: 1 ch, *1 sc (UKdc) in next 2 sts, 2 sc (UKdc) in next st, rep from * to end, sl st to first st (48 sts).

Round 7: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end, sl st to first st.

Round 8: 1 ch, *1 sc (UKdc) in next 3 sts, 2 sc (UKdc) in next st, rep from * to end, sl st to first st (60 sts).

Round 9: As round 7.

Round 10: 1 ch, *1 sc (UKdc) in next 4 sts, 2 sc (UKdc) in next st, rep from * to end, sl st to first st (72 sts).

Round 11: As round 7.

Round 12: 1 ch, *1 sc (UKdc) in next 5 sts, 2 sc (UKdc) in next st, rep from * to end, sl st to first st (84 sts).

Round 13: As round 7.

Start of lace pattern

Round 1: 3 ch, (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), 2 dc (UKtr) in st at the base of 3 ch, skip 2 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, 5 ch, skip 5 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, *skip 2 sts, 5 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip 2 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, 5 ch, skip 5 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, rep from * to last 2 sts, skip 2 sts, 2 dc (UKtr) in st at base of beg 3 ch, sl st to third ch at beg of round.

Round 2: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in first dc (UKtr), *5 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next ch sp, 5 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in third of next 5 dc (UKtr), rep from * five times more, 5 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next ch sp, 5 ch, sl st to first sc (UKdc).

Round 3: *5 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next ch sp, 5 dc (UKtr) in next dc, 1 sc (UKdc) in next ch sp, rep from * six times more, 3 ch, sl st to third ch at beg of round.

Round 4: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in base of 1 ch, *5 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in third of next 5 dc (UKtr), 5 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next ch sp, rep from * five times more, 5 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in third of next 5 dc (UKtr), 5 ch, sl st to first sc (UKdc).

Round 5: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), 2 dc (UKtr) in sc (UKdc) at base of ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next ch sp, ch 5, 1 sc (UKdc) in next ch sp, *5 dc (UKtr) in next sc (UKdc), 1 sc (UKdc) in next ch sp, 5 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next ch sp, rep from * five times more, 2 dc (UKtr) in st at base of 3 ch, sl st to third ch at beg of round.

Rep rounds 2–5 three more times, then rounds 2 and 3 once. Fasten off yarn.

Ties (make 2)

With yarn A and B held together and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 60 ch.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Weave in all loose ends and sew the lining in place, leaving a 1cm (½in) seam allowance. Thread ties (from opposite directions) into round 6 of the pattern from the top, bring each pair of ends out (again at opposite sides), thread the beads on and tie a knot in each end.



Freya

Materials:

1 x 50g ball of DK yarn in purple (A), 142yd/130m
1 x 25g ball of lace/2-ply yarn in light purple (B),
229yd/210m

Hook:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x large button
1 x 7in (18cm) zip

Finished size:

Approx. 5½in (14cm) in diameter



Instructions (make 2):

With yarn A and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make an adjustable ring and work 10 dc (UKtr) into ring, join with sl st to first st (10 sts).

Round 1: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), *2 dc (UKtr) in next st, rep from * to end, 1 dc (UKtr) in base of beg ch, sl st to third of 3-ch at beg of round (20 sts).

Round 2: As round 1 (40 sts).

Round 3: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), [2 dc (UKtr) in next st, 1 dc (UKtr) in next st] eight times, [1 dc (UKtr) in next st, 2 dc (UKtr) in next st, 1 dc (UKtr) in next st] four times, [2 dc (UKtr) in next st, 1 dc (UKtr) in next st] five times, 2 dc (UKtr) in next st, sl st to third of ch-3 at beg of round (58 sts).

Round 4: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), *1 dc (UKtr) in next 2 sts, 2 dc (UKtr) in next st, rep from * to last st, 1 dc (UKtr) in last st, sl st to third of 3-ch at beg of round (77 sts).

Round 5: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), 1 dc (UKtr) in each st to end, sl st to third of ch-3 at beg of round.

Flower

With yarn B and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 162 ch.

Row 1: Skip 7 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr) and 4 ch), 1 dc (UKtr) in next ch, *ch 4, 1 dc (UKtr) in next ch, rep from * to end.

Row 2: *[1 dc, 4 dc (UKtr)] into next 4-ch sp, rep from * until all spaces have been worked. Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Press front and back pieces lightly with an iron. Wind the flower in a spiral, securing it to the front of the purse as you wind. Attach the button to the centre of the flower. Join the front and back pieces together leaving a 7in (18cm) gap. Weave in all loose ends and then sew the zip into the gap.



Tate

Materials:

4 x 50g balls of DK yarn – 1 x ginger (A), 1 x avocado (B), 1 x yellow (C), 1 x light brown (D), each 191yd/175m

Hook:

3.75mm (US F/5) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x magnetic flex frame kiss clasp, approx. 4¾in (12cm)

Finished size:

Approx. 3½ x 5¼in (9 x 13.5cm)



Instructions:

With yarn A and 3.75mm (US F/5) crochet hook, make 64 ch.

Row 1: Skip 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), 2 dc (*UKtr*) in next ch, *skip 3 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch, 3 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next 3 ch, rep from * to last 4 ch, skip 3 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in last ch. Change to yarn B.

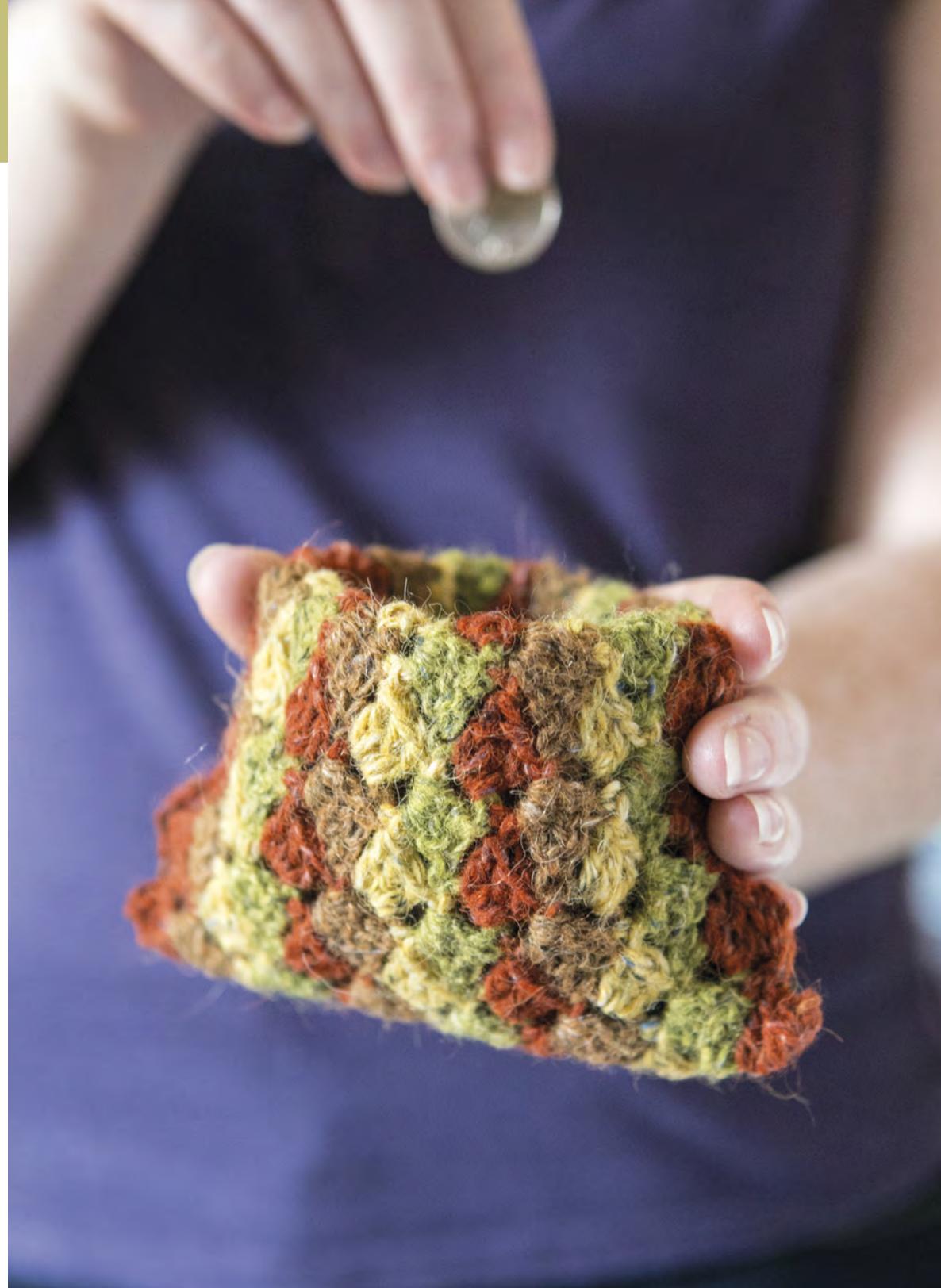
Row 2: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), 2 dc (*UKtr*) in first sc (*UKdc*), *skip 3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) in first of 3-ch, 3 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) in next 2-ch sp, rep from * to last 2 dc (*UKtr*), skip 2 dc (*UKtr*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) in top chain of previous round.

Rep row 2 eleven more times, changing colour on every row to yarn C and D then A, B, C and D again, ending last row with colour A.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

With WS facing, fold the work in half and turn it around, so that the sides are now at the top. Stitch the magnetic flex frame into place by turning a hem over it at the purse opening, and then sew up the sides. You may wish to line the inside of the purse with a piece of felt.



Birdie



Materials:

3 x 100g balls of worsted weight yarn (UK light aran) – 1 x white (A), 1 x green (B), 1 x teal (C), each 220yd/200m

3 x skeins of tapestry wool – 1 x brown (D), 1 x turquoise (E), 1 x yellow (F)

Hooks:

4.5mm (US 7, UK 7) crochet hook

4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x 7in (18cm) zip

Finished size:

Approx. 4½ x 7½in (11.5 x 19cm)

Instructions (make 2):

With yarn A and 4.5mm (US 7, UK 7) crochet hook, make 35 ch.

Row 1: 2 sc (UKdc) into third ch from hook (first 2 ch count as 1 sc (UKdc)), *skip 1 ch, 2 sc (UKdc) in next ch, rep from * to end.

Row 2: 2 ch (count as 1 sc (UKdc)), *skip next st, 2 sc (UKdc) in next st, rep from * to end.

Repeat row 2 twenty-one more times, work should measure 4½in (11.5cm).

Fasten off yarn.

Bird

With yarn C and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, work 6 sc (UKdc) into adjustable ring, join with sl st to first sc (UKdc).

Round 1: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in base of ch, *2 sc (UKdc) in next st, rep from * to end, join with sl st to first st (11 sts).

Round 2: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in base of ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 3 sts, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st, [1 hdc (UKhtr), 1 dc (UKtr)] in next st, 2 dc (UKtr) in next st, 3 ch, sl st in the base of last dc (UKtr), 1 sc (UKdc) into next 2 sts, [2 hdc (UKhtr) into next st] twice, join with sl st to first st.

Wing

With yarn E and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 7 ch.

Row 1: 1 dc (UKtr) into fourth ch from hook, 1 dc (UKtr) in next ch, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next ch.

Fasten off yarn.

Beak

With yarn F and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 2 sc (UKdc) in 2 sts on the curved head side of bird.

Fasten off yarn.

Leaf (make 6)

With yarn B and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 7 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (UKdc) into second ch from hook, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next ch, 1 dc (UKtr) in next ch, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next ch, 1 dc (UKtr) in next ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next ch.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

With WS together and using mattress stitch, sew three sides of the back and front together. Using yarn D and the photograph as a guide, embroider on RS of work a curling branch stretching to the back of the purse. Sew the leaves onto the branch (three at the front, two at the back).

Attach the wing to the bird and embroider an eye using yarn A. Sew the bird into place on the branch. Insert the zip into the top of the purse and attach a leaf to the zip loop by making 8 ch.



Cherry

Materials:

3 x 50g balls of worsted yarn (UK light aran) – 1 x smoke (A), 1 x cherry red (B), 1 x green (C), each 153yd/140m

Hook:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x snap fastener
Small amount of toy stuffing

Finished size:

Approx. 4in (10cm)
high and 6in (15cm)
at the widest point



Instructions:

With yarn A and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 18 ch.

Round 1: 2 sc (UKdc) in second ch from hook, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 15 ch, 4 sc (UKdc) in next ch, working on the other side of ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 15 ch, 2 sc (UKdc) in last ch, sl st to first st (38 sts).

Round 2: 1 ch, 2 sc (UKdc) in next 2 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 15 sts, 2 sc (UKdc) in next 4 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 15 sts, 2 sc (UKdc) in next 2 sts, sl st to first st (46 sts).

Round 3: 1 ch, [1 sc (UKdc) in next st, 2 sc (UKdc) in next st] twice, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 15 sts, [2 sc (UKdc) in next st, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st] four times, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 15 sts, [2 sc (UKdc) in next st, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st] twice, sl st to first st (54 sts).

Round 4: 1 ch, [1 sc (UKdc) in next st, 2 sc (UKdc) in next st] three times, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 15 sts, [2 sc (UKdc) in next st, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st] six times, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 15 sts, [2 sc (UKdc) in next st, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st] three times, sl st to first st (66 sts).

Round 5: 1 ch, sc2tog (UKdc2tog), 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end, sl st to first st (65 sts).

Rounds 6–8: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end, sl st to first st.

Round 9: 1 ch, *1 sc (UKdc) in next 5 sts, sc2tog (UKdc2tog), rep from * to last 2 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 2 sts, sl st to first st (56 sts).

Rounds 10–13: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end, sl st to first st.

Round 14: 1 ch, *1 sc (UKdc) in next 4 sts, sc2tog (UKdc2tog), rep from * to last 2 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 2 sts, sl st to first st (47 sts).

Rounds 15–18: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end, sl st to first st.

Round 19: 1 ch, sc2tog (UKdc2tog), 1 sc (UKdc) in next 3 sts, sc2tog (UKdc2tog), 1 sc (UKdc) in next 11 sts, sc2tog (UKdc2tog), [1 sc (UKdc) in next 3 sts, sc2tog (UKdc2tog)] twice, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 11 sts, sc2tog (UKdc2tog), 1 sc (UKdc) in next 4 sts, sl st to first st (41 sts).

Rounds 20–29: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end, sl st to first st.
Fasten off yarn.

Cherries (make 2)

With yarn B and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 4 ch, sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, 6 sc (UKdc) into ring, sl st to first st (6 sts).

Round 2: 1 ch, 2 sc (UKdc) in every st to end, sl st to first st (12 sts).

Rounds 3 and 4: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end, sl st to first st.

Round 5: 1 ch, *sc2tog (UKdc2tog), rep from * to end, sl st to first st (6 sts).

Fill cherry with toy stuffing.

Round 6: 1 ch, *sc2tog (UKdc2tog), rep from * to end, sl st to first st (3 sts).

Fasten off yarn.

Leaf (make 2)

With yarn C and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 8 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (UKdc) into second ch from hook, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next ch, 1 dc (UKtr) in next ch, 1 tr (UKdtr) in next ch, 1 dc (UKtr) in next ch, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next ch.

Fasten off.

Stem (make 2)

With yarn C held double and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 5 ch, fasten off yarn.

Attach the stems to the cherries and leaves.

Making up

Weave in all loose ends. Fold the top of the purse over (around 1in (2.5cm)) to create a cuff. Attach the leaves to the cuff, using the photograph as a guide. Sew the snap fastener to the inside of the purse at the centre top.



Lottie

Materials:

1 x 50g ball of 4-ply yarn in red, 197yd/180m
2 x pieces of fabric for lining, approx. 4in (10cm)
in diameter (optional)

Hook:

3.5mm (US E/4, UK 9) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x rounded purse clasp approx. 3¼in
(8cm) wide

Finished size:

Approx. 4¾in (12cm) at the widest point and
4in (10cm) in height



Instructions (make 2):

With 3.5mm (US E/4, UK 9) crochet hook make
5 ch, join with sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), 1 dc
(UKtr) into ring, *1 ch, 2 dc (UKtr) into ring, rep
from * four more times, 1 ch, sl st in top of 3 ch.

Round 2: sl st to first dc (UKtr) and ch sp, 3 ch
(counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), [1 dc (UKtr), 1 ch, 2 dc
(UKtr)] into same sp, 1 ch, *[2dc (UKtr), 1 ch, 2
dc (UKtr)] into next ch sp, 1 ch, rep from * four
more times, sl st in top of 3 ch.

Round 3: sl st to first dc (UKtr) and ch sp, 3 ch
(counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), 2 dc (UKtr) into same ch
sp, 1 ch, *3 dc (UKtr) into next ch sp, 1 ch, rep
from * to end, sl st in top of 3 ch.

Round 4: sl st to next 2 dc (UKtr) and ch sp, 3
ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), 2 dc (UKtr) into same
ch sp, 1 ch, *3 dc (UKtr) into next ch sp, 1 ch,
rep from * to end, sl st in top of 3 ch.

Round 5: sl st to next 2 dc (UKtr) and ch sp, 3
ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), 1 dc (UKtr) into same
ch sp, 1 ch, *[2dc (UKtr), 1 ch, 2 dc (UKtr)] into
next ch sp, 1 ch, rep from * five more times, 2
dc (UKtr) into next ch sp.

Fasten off yarn.

Shell edge

With RS facing, attach yarn to top of 3 ch at
beg of last round, 1 ch, *6 dc (UKtr) into next
ch sp, 1 sc (UKdd) into next ch sp, rep from *
five more times, 6 dc (UKtr) into next ch sp,
1 sc (UKdd) to top of last dc (UKtr) from
previous round.

Making up

Weave in all loose ends. Attach the narrower
parts of the circle to the purse clasp and sew
together around the shell edging. Sew the
lining to the inside of the purse, leaving a ½in
(1cm) seam allowance.



Bobbles

Materials:

1 x 100g ball of worsted yarn (UK light aran) in gold, 219yd/200m

Hook:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x rounded purse clasp approx. 3¼in (8½cm) wide

Finished size:

Approx. 5in (13cm) wide and 6in (15cm) high

Special abbreviations:

Tr5tog (UKdtr5tog) cluster: [yrh twice and insert into st, yrh and draw a loop through, yrh and draw through first 2 loops on hook, yrh and draw through next 2 loops on hook] rep four times all in the same st, yrh and draw a loop through all 6 loops on hook.

Tr6tog (UKdtr6tog) cluster: [yrh twice and insert into st, yrh and draw a loop through, yrh and draw through first 2 loops on hook, yrh and draw through next 2 loops on hook] rep five times all in the same st, yrh and draw a loop through all 7 loops on hook.



Instructions (make 2):

With 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook make 20 ch.

Row 1: Tr5tog (UKdtr5tog) in fourth ch from hook, *2 ch, skip 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next ch, *2 ch, skip 1 ch, tr6tog (UKdtr6tog) in next ch, rep from * to end.

Row 2: 2 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in base of ch, 2 ch, tr5tog (UKdtr5tog) in next sc (UKdc), 2 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in top of next cluster, *2 ch, tr6tog (UKdtr6tog) in next sc (UKdc), 2 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in top of next cluster, rep from * to end.

Row 3: 3 ch, tr6tog (UKdtr6tog) in base of 3-ch, *2 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in top of next cluster, 2 ch, tr6tog (UKdtr6tog) in next sc (UKdc), rep from * to end.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 twice more, then row 2 once.

Start of top shaping

Row 1: 1 ch, *2 sc (UKdc) in 2-ch sp, 1 sc (UKdc) in top of next cluster, skip 2 ch and 1 sc (UKdc), rep from * to end (12 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in each st to end. Rep row 2 twice more.

Row 5: 1 ch, sc2tog (UKdc2tog), 1 sc (UKdc) in each st to last 2 sts, sc2tog (UKdc2tog) (10 sts).

Rep row 2 once more.

Rep row 5 (8 sts).

Rep row 2.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Using mattress stitch and with WS together, sew the front and back pieces together along the two sides and the bottom of the purse. Turn it through, then attach the clasp to the top.

Attach a lining to the inside of the purse if desired.



Katie

Materials:

1 x 50g ball of DK yarn in white (A), 123yd/113m
1 x 50g ball of DK yarn in green (B), 142yd/130m/

Hook:

3.5mm (US E/4, UK 9) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x purse frame approx. 6in (15cm)

Finished size:

Approx. 6½in (17cm) wide x 3in (8cm) high x 2in (5cm) deep

Instructions:

With yarn A and 3.5mm (US E/4, UK 9) crochet hook, make 41 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (UKdc) into second ch from hook, 1 sc (UKdc) into every ch to end (40 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end.
Rep row 2 five more times.

Row 8: 1 ch, sc2tog (UKdc2tog), 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to last 2 sts, sc2tog (UKdc2tog) (38 sts).

Rows 9–11: As row 8 (32 sts).

Row 12: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end.
Rep row 12 seventeen more times.

Row 30: 1 ch, 2 sc (UKdc) in next st, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to last st, 2 sc (UKdc) in last st (34 sts).

Rows 31–33: As row 30 (40 sts).

Row 34: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end.
Rep row 34 six more times.
Fasten off yarn.

Sides (make 2)

With yarn A and 3.5mm (US E/4, UK 9) crochet hook, make 11 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (UKdc) into second ch from hook, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end (10 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end.
Rep row 2 once more.

Row 4: 1 ch, sc2tog (UKdc2tog), 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to last 2 sts, sc2tog (UKdc2tog) (8 sts).
Rep row 4 three more times (2 sts).
Fasten off yarn.



Edging (make 2)

With yarn B and 3.5mm (US E/4, UK 9) crochet hook, make 31 ch.

Row 1: 1 dc (UKtr) into fourth ch from hook, *2 ch, skip 2 ch, 2 dc (UKtr) into next ch, rep from * to end.

Row 2: *[2 dc (UKtr), 2 ch, 2 dc (UKtr)] all into next 2-ch sp, rep from * until every 2-ch sp has been worked, sl st to last st at beg of previous round.

Row 3: As row 2.
Fasten off yarn.

Making up

With RS facing, fold the main body of the purse in half and, using mattress stitch, sew the side pieces into the lower side opening on both sides of the purse, then continue up the sides to the top. Turn through. Block the edging by pressing it gently with an iron, and sew it to the top of the purse. Stitch the purse frame to the purse. If desired, you can line the front and back of the purse, leaving the sides free.



Evie

Materials:

- 1 x 50g ball of worsted yarn (UK light aran) in walnut (A), 115yd/105m
- 1 x 25g ball of mohair and silk lace/2-ply yarn in white (B), 229yd/210m
- 1 x 50g ball of alpaca and merino lace/2-ply yarn in white (C), 437yd/400m

Hook:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Instructions:

With yarn A and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 30 ch.

Row 1: 1 hdc (UKhtr) in third ch from hook, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in every ch to end (28 sts).

Row 2: 2 ch, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in every st to end. Repeat row 2 until work measures 8in (20cm). Fasten off yarn.

Flowers (make 5)

With yarns B and C held together and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 5 ch, join with sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Notions:

- 5 x large assorted beads
- 1 x 6¾in (17cm) purse clasp

Finished size:

Approx. 4 x 6¾in (10 x 17cm)

Round 1: 5 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr) and 2 ch), 1 dc (UKtr) into ring, [2 ch, 1 dc (UKtr) into ring] 5 times, 2 ch, sl st to third ch of 5-ch at beg of round.

Round 2: [1 hdc (UKhtr), 2 dc (UKtr), 1 hdc (UKhtr), sl st to next dc (UKtr)] into every 2-ch space.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Press the main piece of the purse gently with an iron, then fold it in half so the RS is facing you. Using the photograph as a guide, sew the flowers to the right side of the purse and sew the beads to the flower centres. Then attach the clasp to the purse. Using mattress stitch, join together the side openings below the clasp on both sides. Attach a lining to the inside if desired.



Apple

Materials:

2 x 100g balls of worsted yarn (UK light aran) –
1 x burgundy (A), 1 x white (B), each 220yd/200m
Oddments of tapestry wool – green (C), brown (D)

Hook:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

4 x small black beads
1 x snap hook
1 x snap fastener

Finished size:

Approx. 3in x 3½in (8¼ x 9cm)



Instructions (make 2):

With yarn A and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 5 ch, join with sl st to first st to form a ring.

Round 1: 2 ch (counts as 1 hdc (UKhtr)), 9 hdc (UKhtr) into ring, sl st to top of 2 ch (10 sts).

Round 2: 2 ch (counts as 1 hdc (UKhtr)), 1 hdc (UKhtr) in base of 2 ch, *2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st, rep from * to end, sl st to first st (20 sts).**

Round 3: 2 ch (counts as 1 hdc (UKhtr)), 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st, *1 hdc (UKhtr) in next st, 2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st, rep from * to end, sl st to first st (30 sts).

Round 4: sl st in next st, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, [2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st] 11 times, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, sl st in next 2 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, [2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st] 11 times, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, sl st in next st.

Fasten off.

Apple centre

With yarn B and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook work to ** of back.

Next round: sl st to first st, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, [2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st] 7 times, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, sl st in next st, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, [2 hdc (UKhtr) in next st] 7 times, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st.

Fasten off yarn.

Leaf

With yarn C and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 8 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (UKdc) into second ch from hook, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next st, 1 dc (UKtr) in next st, 1 tr (UKdtr) in next st, 1 dc (UKtr) in next st, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next st, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st.

Stalk and snap hook loop (make 1 of each)

With yarn A or D and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 7 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (UKdc) in second ch from hook, 1 sc (UKdc) in every ch to end.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Sew the beads to the white centre of the apple, then attach the apple centre to the front. Sew the leaf and stalk to the top curve of the apple. Feed the snap hook through the loop and sew the loop onto the side of the purse. With RS together and using mattress stitch, sew the back and front pieces of the apple together leaving a 1½in (4cm) opening on the left side. Turn through and sew the snap fastener to the inside edges of the opening.



Ava

Materials:

1 x 100g hand of worsted yarn (UK light aran) in turquoise, 219yd/200m

Fabric for lining (optional)

Stiff iron-on interfacing (optional)

Hook:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x large snap fastener

Finished size:

Each hexagon measures approx. 4in (10cm) wide



Instructions:

Hexagons (make 8)

With 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook make 5 ch, join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1: 4 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr) and 1 ch), [1 dc (UKtr) in ring, 1 ch] eleven times, join with sl st to third ch of 4-ch at beg of round.

Round 2: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), 2 dc (UKtr) in next 1-ch sp, 1 dc (UKtr) in next dc (UKtr), 2 ch, [1 dc (UKtr) in next dc (UKtr), 2 dc (UKtr) in next 1-ch sp, 1 dc (UKtr) in next dc (UKtr), ch 2] five times, join with sl st to top of beg 3-ch.

Round 3: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), 1 dc (UKtr) in base of 3-ch, 1 dc (UKtr) in each of next 2 dc (UKtr), 2 dc (UKtr) in next dc (UKtr), 2 ch, [2 dc (UKtr) in next dc (UKtr), 1 dc (UKtr) in each of next 2 dc (UKtr), 2 dc (UKtr) in next dc (UKtr), ch 2] five times, join with sl st to top of beg 3-ch.

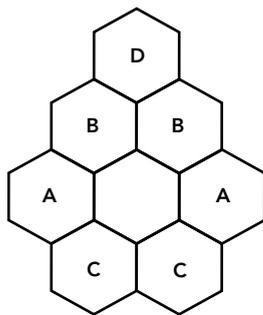
Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Press each hexagon gently with an iron and weave in all loose ends. Using the diagram (right) as a guide, join the hexagons together using sc (UKdc) on the right side of the work.

Hexagons A form the sides; join to one side of hexagons B and C. Join each A, B and C on one side to the centre hexagon. Join D to each B on one side. Cut approximately 7½ x 13in (19 x 33cm) of fabric and interfacing, leaving ¼in (5mm) for the seam allowance, cut to shape and sew to the inside of the purse.

Sew a snap fastener to the underside of hexagon D and in the middle of the two C hexagons to finish.



Isla

Materials:

1 x 50g ball of DK yarn in sage, 123yd/113m

Hook:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

64 x small beads
1 x snap fastener or magnetic snap

Finished size

Approx. 4¾ x 6in
(12 x 15cm)



Special abbreviation:

Bsc (UKBdc) – beaded sc (h): insert hook into stitch, yrh, pull loop through, slide bead up close to work, yrh (catching yarn beyond bead), pull through both loops.

Instructions:

Front

With 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook make 21 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (UKdc) in second ch from hook, 1 sc (UKdc) in every ch to end (20 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch, 2 sc (UKdc) in next st, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to last one, 2 sc (UKdc) in last st (22 sts).

Row 3: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end.

Rep rows 2 and 3 twice more (26 sts).**

Row 8: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end.

Repeat last row sixteen more times.

Fasten off yarn.

Back and flap (made in one piece)

Work as for front to **.

Next row: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end.

Repeat last row thirty-two more times.

Start of front decrease.

Row 1: 1 ch, sc2tog (UKdc2tog) over next 2 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to last 2 sts, sc2tog (UKdc2tog) over last 2 sts (24 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 once more, then row 1 once (20 sts).

Fasten off yarn.

Bow

Before starting to crochet, thread all beads onto yarn.

With 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook make 16 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (UKdc) in second ch from hook, *1 Bsc (UKBdc) in next ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 2 ch, rep from * to last 2 ch, 1 Bsc (UKBdc) in next ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in last ch (15 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end.

Row 3: 1 ch, *1 sc (UKdc) in next 2 sts, 1 Bsc (UKBdc) in next st, rep from * to last 3 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 3 sts.

Row 4: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end.

Row 5: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, 1 Bsc (UKBdc) in next st, *1 sc (UKdc) in next 2 sts, 1 Bsc (UKBdc) in next st, rep from * to last st, 1 sc (UKdc) in last st.

Rep rows 2 to 5 twice more.

Row 14: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end.

Rep row 14 four more times.

Row 19: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, 1 Bsc (UKBdc) in next st, *1 sc (UKdc) in next 2 sts, 1 Bsc (UKBdc) in next st, rep from * to last st, 1 sc (UKdc) in last st.

Row 20: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end.

Row 21: 1 ch, *1 sc (UKdc) in next 2 sts, 1 Bsc (UKBdc) in next st, rep from * to last 3 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 3 sts.

Row 22: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end.

Rep rows 19 to 22 twice more.

Row 31: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next st, 1 Bsc (UKBdc) in next st, *1 sc (UKdc) in next 2 sts, 1 Bsc (UKBdc) in next st, rep from * to last st, 1 sc (UKdc) in last st.

Do not fasten off yarn.

Edging

With RS facing, work a row of sc (UKdc) all along the edges of bow.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

With WS facing and using mattress stitch, join the front piece to the lower part of the back piece. Work 1 row of sc (UKdc) all along the flap. Tighten the bow in the middle by winding yarn around it, then sew the bow onto the front flap of the purse. Sew lining to the inside of the purse if desired. Attach snap fasteners or a magnetic snap to the flap and front.



Ruby

Materials:

3 x 50g balls of DK yarn –
1 x bilberry (A), 1 x sage (B),
1 x cream (C), 123yd/113m

Hook:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8)
crochet hook

Notions:

1 x 6in (15cm) zip
Small amount of
toy stuffing

Finished size:

Approx. 5½ x 8in
(14 x 20cm)



Instructions:

Work in pattern following the stripe sequence as follows:

Row 1: yarn A.

Row 2: yarn B.

Row 3: yarn C.

With yarn A and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 45 ch.

Row 1: Skip 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), 2 dc (UKtr) in next ch, 1 dc (UKtr) in next 3 ch, [dc3tog (UKtr3tog) over next 3 ch] twice, *1 dc (UKtr) in next 3 ch, [3 dc (UKtr) in next ch] twice, 1 dc (UKtr) in next 3 ch, [dc3tog (UKtr3tog) over next 3 ch] twice, rep from * once, 1 dc (UKtr) in next 3 ch, 3 dc (UKtr) in last ch.

Row 2: Following stripe sequence, change to yarn B, 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), 2 dc (UKtr) in base of ch, *1 dc (UKtr) in next 3 sts, [dc3tog (UKtr3tog)] twice, 1 dc (UKtr) in next 3 sts, [3 dc (UKtr) in next st] twice, rep from * once, 1 dc (UKtr) in next 3 sts, [dc3tog (UKtr3tog)] twice, 1 dc (UKtr) in next 3 sts, 3 dc (UKtr) in last st.

Working in stripe sequence, rep row 2 seventeen more times, ending last row with yarn A.

Fasten off yarn.

Edging

With RS facing, attach yarn B to the right corner of work at the last row and continue as follows:

Row 1: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 2 sts, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next 3 sts, 1 dc (UKtr) in next 2 sts, *1 hdc (UKhtr) in next 3 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 6 sts, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next 3 sts, 1 dc (UKtr) in next 2 sts, rep from * once, 1 hdc (UKtr) in next 3 sts, 1 sc (UKdc) in last 3 sts.

With RS facing, attach yarn B to the right corner of work at beg of first row and continue as follows:

Row 1: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next 3 sts, *1 sc (UKdc) in next 6 sts, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next 3 sts, 1 dc (UKtr) in next 2 sts, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next 3 sts, rep from * once, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 6 sts, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next 3 sts, 1 dc (UKtr) in last st.

Fasten off yarn.

Charm

With yarn A and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook make 4 ch, sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, 6 sc (UKdc) into ring, sl st to first st (6 sts).

Round 2: 1 ch, 2 sc (UKdc) into every st to end, sl st to first st (12 sts).

Rounds 3 and 4: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end, sl st to first st.

Round 5: 1 ch, *dc2tog (UKtr2tog), rep from * to end, sl st to first st (6 sts).

Fill charm with toy stuffing.

Round 6: 1 ch, *dc2tog (UKtr2tog), rep from * to end, sl st to first st (3 sts).

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Fold the work in half with RS together and join the sides using mattress stitch. Turn through and insert the zip. Attach the charm to the zip pull by making 8 ch and attaching the other end to the charm.



Myrtle

Materials:

1 x 50g ball of DK yarn in black, 142yd/130m
2 x oval pieces of 6¼ x 6½in (15 x 16cm) lining fabric

Hook:

3.75mm (US F/5) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x rounded purse clasp approx.
4¾in (12cm) wide

Finished size:

Approx. 6in (15cm) wide and 5½in (14cm) high

Special abbreviations:

dc3tog (UKtr3tog) – dc (UKtr) 3 together cluster: [yrh and insert into st, yrh and draw a loop through, yrh and draw through first 2 loops on hook], rep twice more all in the same st, yrh and draw a loop through all 4 loops on hook.

dc4tog (UKtr4tog) – dc (UKtr) 4 together cluster: [yrh and insert into st, yrh and draw a loop through, yrh and draw through first 2 loops on hook], rep three times more all in the same st, yrh and draw a loop through all 5 loops on hook.

Instructions (make 2):

With 3.75mm (US F/5) crochet hook make 6 ch, sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, work 11 sc (UKdc) into ring, sl st to first st.

Round 2: 6 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr) and 3 ch), *1 dc (UKtr) in next st, 3 ch, rep from * to end, sl st to top of 3-ch at beg of round (11 dc (UKtr)).

Round 3: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), dc3tog (UKtr3tog) in next 3-ch sp, 4 ch, *dc4tog (UKtr4tog) in next 3-ch sp, 4 ch, rep from * until all spaces have been worked, sl st to first 3-dc (UKtr) cluster (11 clusters).

Round 4: 1 ch, *5 sc (UKdc) in next 4-ch sp, 1 sc (UKdc) in top of next cluster, rep from * until all spaces have been worked, sl st to first st.

Round 5: 1 ch, sl st into next 2 sts, 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), *7 ch, skip next 5 sts, 1 dc (UKtr) in next st, rep from * ten times more, sl st to first st.



Round 6: 1 ch, *8 sc (UKdc) in next 7-ch sp, 1 sc (UKdc) in top of 1 dc (UKtr), rep from * to end.

Round 7: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end, sl st to first st, turn.

Row 8: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next 63 sts.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

With RS facing and using mattress stitch, join the front and back together by sewing all along the raised part. Turn through. This leaves a gap of approximately 6¾in (17cm) to attach to the clasp. Sew in the lining, leaving a ¼in (1cm) seam allowance.



Lucy

Materials:

4 x 25g balls of lace/2-ply yarn – 1 x light brown (A), 1 x brown (B), 1 x yellow (C), 1 x green (D), each 229yd/210m

Hook:

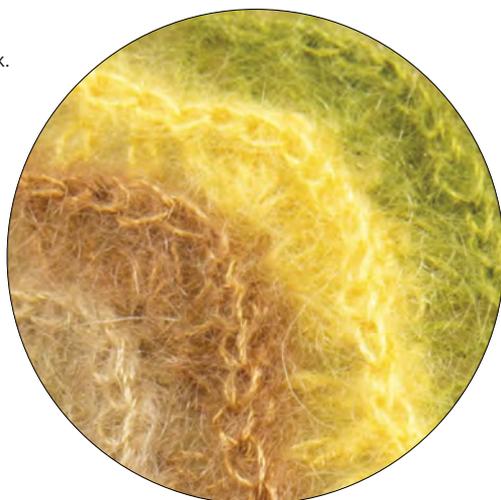
4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x purse clasp approx. 9in (23cm) wide

Finished size:

Approx. 11¼in (30cm) at the widest point and 6in (15cm) high



Special abbreviation:

Fpsc (UKfpdc) – front post sc (UKdc): insert hook from the front to the back around the post of the sc (UKdc) on the previous row. Complete as for regular sc (UKdc).

Instructions (make 2):

Work in pattern following the stripe sequence as follows:

Rows 7 and 8: yarn A.

Rows 9 and 10: yarn B.

Rows 11 and 12: yarn C.

Rows 13 and 14: yarn D.

With yarn A and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 45 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (UKdc) into second ch from hook, 1 sc (UKdc) in every ch to end (44 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in every st to end.

Rep row 2 four more times.

Row 7: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), 1 dc (UKtr) in next 4 sts, * [5 dc (UKtr) in next st] twice, 1 dc (UKtr) in next 6 sts, rep from * three times, [5 dc (UKtr) in next st] twice, 1 dc (UKtr) in next 5 sts.

Row 8: 1 ch, 1 fpsc (UKfpdc) in each st to end.

Row 9: Change to colour B, 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), working in tops of fpsc (UKfpdc) row, [1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip next st] four times, [5 dc (UKtr) in next st] twice, * skip 2 sts, [1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip 1 st] twice, 1 dc (UKtr) in next st, [1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip 1 st] twice, 1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip 2 sts, [5 dc (UKtr) in next st] twice, rep from * three more times, skip 1 st, [1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip 1 st] three times, 1 dc (UKtr) in each of last 2 sts.

Row 10: As row 8.

Rows 9 and 10 form the pattern, rep the pattern twice more, following the colour sequence.

Row 15: Change to colour A, 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), working in tops of fpsc (UKfpdc) row, 2 dc (UKtr) in st at base of ch, [1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip next st] four times, [5 dc (UKtr) in next st] twice, * skip 2 sts, [1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip 1 st] twice, 1 dc (UKtr) in next st, [1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip 1 st] twice, 1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip 2 sts, [5 dc (UKtr) in next st] twice, rep from * three more times, skip 1 st, [1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip 1 st] three times, 1 dc (UKtr) in next st, 3 dc (UKtr) in last st (48 sts).

Row 16: As row 8.

Row 17: Change to colour B, 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (UKtr)), working in tops of fpsc (UKfpdc) row, 1 dc (UKtr) in st at base of ch, [1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip next st] five times, [5 dc (UKtr) in next st] twice, * skip 2 sts, [1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip 1 st] twice, 1 dc (UKtr) in next st, [1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip 1 st] twice, 1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip 2 sts, [5 dc (UKtr) in next st] twice, rep from * three more times, skip 1 st, [1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip 1 st] four times, 1 dc (UKtr) in next st, 2 dc (UKtr) in last st.

Row 18: As row 8.

Rows 17 to 18 form the pattern; rep the pattern six more times, following the colour sequence as set, ending last row on row 18 of pattern in colour D.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Do not press. Weave in all loose ends. Using mattress stitch and with RS together, join the back and front pieces along the lower edge and 3¼in (8cm) up both sides. Turn through, line the purse if desired, then attach the clasp.



Isabel

Materials:

1 x 100g ball of worsted yarn
(UK light aran) in lilac (A),
219yd/200m

1 x 25g ball of lace/2-ply yarn
in light pink (B), 229yd/210m

Oddments of worsted yarn (UK
light aran) in green (C)

Notions:

1 x purse clasp approx.
3½in (9cm) wide

Approx. 102 x small beads

Finished size:

Approx. 3¾ x 4¼in
(9.5 x 10.75cm)

Hook:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8)
crochet hook

Instructions (make 2):

With yarn A and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 4 ch and join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, 8 sc (UKdc) into ring, sl st to first sc (UKdc) (8 sts).

Round 2: 1 ch, work 2 sc (UKdc) into every sc (UKdc), sl st to first sc (UKdc) (16 sts).

Round 3: 1 ch, *1 sc (UKdc) into next sc (UKdc), 2 sc (UKdc) into next sc (UKdc), rep from * to end, sl st to first sc (UKdc) (24 sts).

Round 4: 1 ch, * 1 sc (UKdc) into each of next 2 sc (UKdc), 2 sc (UKdc) into next sc (UKdc), rep from * to end, sl st to first sc (UKdc) (32 sts).

Round 5: 1 ch, * 1 sc (UKdc) into next 3 sc (UKdc), 2 sc (UKdc) into next sc (UKdc), rep from * to end, sl st to first sc (UKdc) (40 sts).

Rounds 6 and 7: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) into every sc (UKdc) to end, sl st to first sc (UKdc), turn after round 7.

Row 8: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) into base of ch, 1 sc (UKdc) into next 22 sc (UKdc), turn.

Rows 9 and 10: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) into base of ch, 1 sc (UKdc) into next 22 sc (UKdc), 1 sc (UKdc) into ch made on previous round, turn.

Fasten off yarn.

Rose

Thread 102 beads onto yarn B.

With 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook and yarn B, make 57 ch.

Row 1: (dc (UKtr), ch 2, dc (UKtr)) in sixth ch from hook (5 skipped chs count as first dc (UKtr) plus 2 ch), *ch 2, skip next 2 chs, (dc (UKtr), ch 2, dc (UKtr)) in next ch; rep from * across (36 sps).



Row 2: 3 ch (counts as first dc (UKtr)), working one bead into each dc (UKtr) continue as follows: 5 dc (UKtr) in next 2-ch sp, sc (UKdc) in next 2-ch sp, *6 dc (UKtr) in next 2-ch sp, sc (UKdc) in next 2-ch sp, rep from * to end.

Fasten off leaving a long piece of yarn for sewing the rose together.

With RS facing and beg with last petal made, roll petals to form rose; sew to secure as you roll with the length of yarn left.

Leaf (make 2)

With 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook and yarn C, make 10 ch.

Round 1: 1 sc (UKdc) into second ch from hook, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next ch, 1 dc (UKtr) in next ch, 1 tr (UKdtr) in next 3 ch, 1 dc (UKtr) in next ch, 1 hdc (UKhtr) in next ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in next ch.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

With WS together, join the two larger sides of the purse together with a row of sc (UKdc). Attach the purse clasp and sew the rose and leaves to the front of the purse. Attach a lining if desired.



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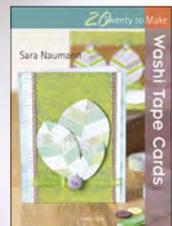
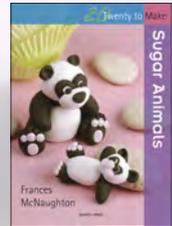
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