Large Purse Crochet Instructions

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Materials/Tools Needed:
• Dark Pink, Light Pink and Orange Yarn
• I/5.5 mm Hook

Stitches Used:
Chain = CH
Single Crochet = SC

Large Purse - Front & Back

To begin, take the dark pink skein and find the yarn end (usually found in the center). Create a slip knot with a loop near the end of the yarn. Leave a 6" tail. CH 23

Row 1: **CH 1, SC** in second CH stitch from the hook, **SC** in each **CH ST**.

Row 2-6: CH 1, SC in second stitch from the hook, **SC** in each **SC**.

Change to orange yarn at the end of row 6

Row 7-10: CH 1, SC in second stitch from the hook, **SC** in each **SC**.

Change to light pink yarn at the end of row 10

Row 11-20: CH 1, SC in second stitch from the hook, **SC** in each **SC**.

Finish off.

Repeat the above steps above.

You should now have two crocheted rectangles.

Constructing Purse

Lay the front of the purse on top of the back of the purse making sure the colors line up.

Take the dark pink yarn and create a slip knot with a loop near the end of the yarn. Leave a 6" tail.

Insert the hook through the upper left corner of both of the crochet pieces.

Wrap the yarn over the hook and pull the hook through all three strands.

Insert the hook through the next hole on the left side of both of the crochet pieces.

Wrap the yarn over the hook and pull the hook through all three strands.

Continue until the left bottom and right side of the bag are joined together.

Finish off.

Purse Fringe with Beads

Cut 12 segments of dark pink yarn (5 inches each).

Thread one of the yarn segments throught the first hole on the bottom, left edge of the purse.

Pull the yarn segment through the purse until both ends of the yarn are the same length.

Thread a bead onto both yarn ends. Tie both yarn ends together in a knot to secure bead in place.

Follow the steps above to thread remaining yarn segments through every other hole on the bottom of the purse.

Creating Purse Handle

Using the dark pink yarn create a slip knot with a loop near the end of the yarn. Leave a 6" tail. **CH 60**

Tie a knot to finish and leave a 6" tail.

Tie chain tail ends to right and left corners at the top of the purse.

Trim yarn ends.

Keep these instructions!

Use these instructions to create more purses for yourself or give them as gifts to friends and family! You can use your own yarn colors to make them any color you want! When using your own yarn, don't be afraid to experiment with changing out the yarn colors to create even more unique purses. Also, you can modify the length and width of your purses by adding more chain stitches in the beginning and more rows to the body!

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Tools Needed: ✂

Crocheting Key Terms & Abbreviations

Row = when crocheting from left to right, each line will be written out in rows.

Skein = a length of thread or yarn, loosely coiled and knotted.
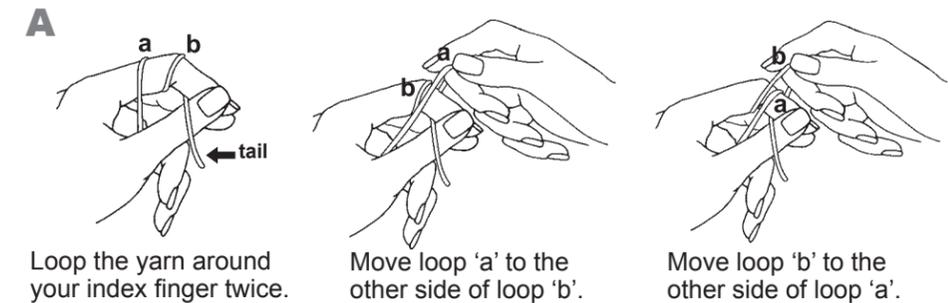
ST = Stitch
CH = Chain
SC = Single Crochet

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Introduction

It is important to read and understand the basic crochet instructions before starting to crochet your project. Make a sample piece trying out the **stitches** and becoming comfortable with the crochet techniques. You can do this with the yarn in the kit (you'll later need to undo your test piece to reuse the yarn) or use other yarn that may be available to you.

Preparing To Crochet

To get started pick out one of the skeins and find the yarn end (usually found in the center).
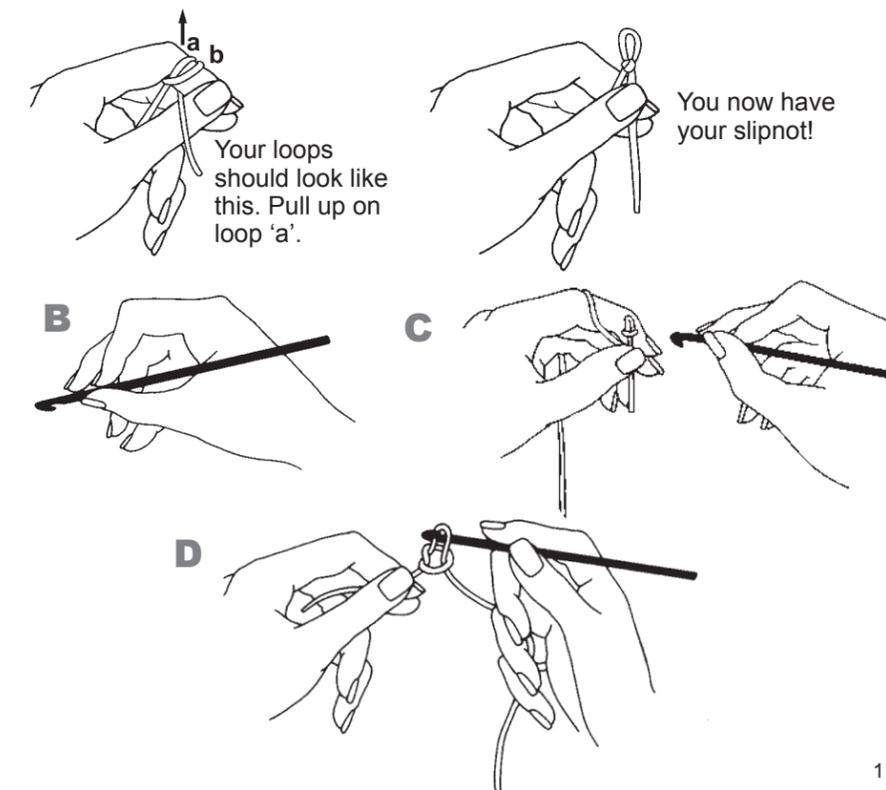
1. Follow **Diagram A** to make a slip knot with a loop near the end of the yarn. Leave a 6" tail.

2. Hold the crochet hook in your right hand. Hold it as you do a pencil. Your thumb should rest on the bottom and index finger should be between the hook end and your thumb **(Diagram B)**.

3. It is recommended that you use your right hand for holding the crochet hook and your left hand for holding the yarn **(Diagram C)**.

4. Insert the hook through the slip knot loop and tighten on hook **(Diagram D)**.

You are ready to begin crocheting! Go to the next page to learn the basic stitching techniques that you'll use to make your purses!

A

Loop the yarn around your index finger twice.

Move loop 'a' to the other side of loop 'b'.

Move loop 'b' to the other side of loop 'a'.

Your loops should look like this. Pull up on loop 'a'.

You now have your slipnot!
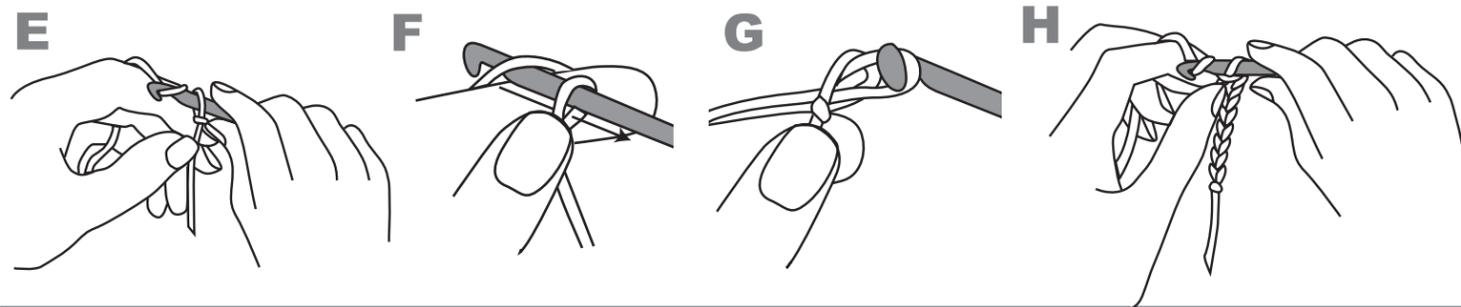
B

C

D

Basic Stitching Techniques

Chain Stitch (CH ST)

*To begin the **chain stitch** you must first create your slip knot and have the yarn and crochet hook in the proper holding positions. To learn how, refer to page 1.*

1. Catch the working yarn (the yarn still connected to the skein NOT the tail end) with your hook (**Diagram E**).

2. Pull the working yarn through the loop you made with your slip knot. This action will drop the first slip loop stitch off of the crochet hook and create a new loop on your hook which starts your chain of stitches (**Diagram F and Diagram G**).

3. You just made your first **chain stitch**! Repeat steps 1-2 to create your chain. Be sure to hold the chain in your left hand between the thumb and middle finger (**Diagram H**). Keep the chain stitches loose so you can go back into them when you create the **single crochet stiches** (next technique)!

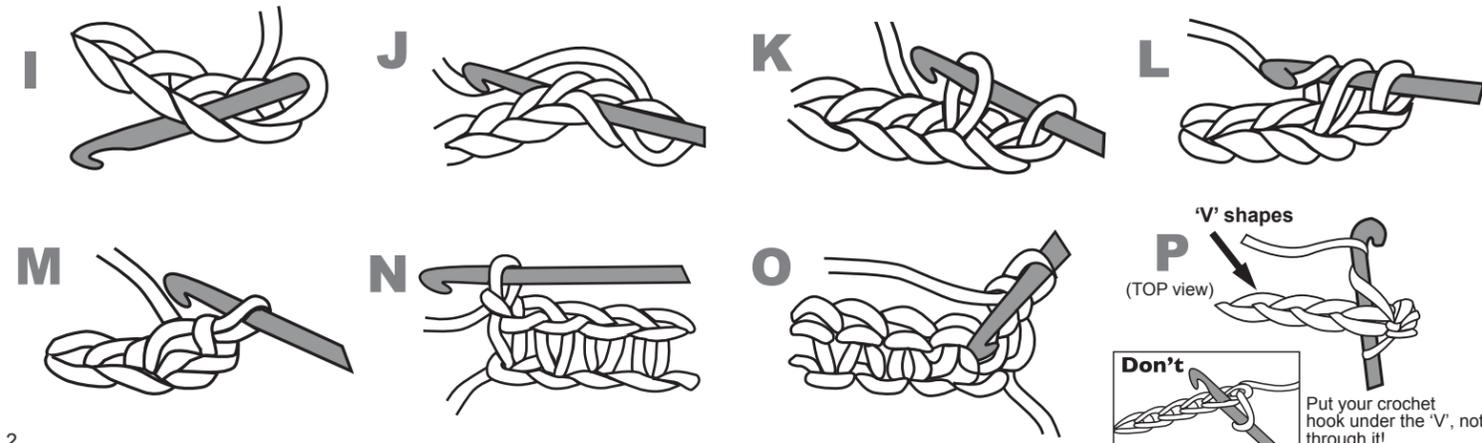4. Practice working with the crochet hook and making the **chain stitch** until you feel comfortable to move on.

E   **F**   **G**   **H**

Single Crochet (SC)

You will use this crocheting technique to create your purses. Therefore, you will learn this technique by creating rows. When crocheting, you create rows by working from right to left (like a reverse typewriter) to create a rectangular shape.

*To begin the **single crochet stitch** you must first create **chain stitches** (5 or more are recommended). This is because you will build single crochet stitches into each chain you created for your first row. This first row is always the hardest (for beginners and experienced crocheters) so don't give up!*

1. To start your row of **chain stitches**, insert your hook through the center of the second **chain stitch** closest to the hook. It will be like putting the hook into the hole of the chain stitch (**Diagram I**).

2. Catch the working yarn in the hook and pull the hook back towards your right while bringing the working yarn through the chain stitch you just went through (**Diagram J**). Once completed, you should have two stitches on your hook (**Diagram K**).

3. Catch the working yarn with your hook once again. This will give you three strands of yarn on your hook (**Diagram L**). Pull the working yarn though the other two strands of yarn so that there is only one strand of yarn left on the hook (**Diagram M**).

4. Repeat Steps 1, 2 and 3 continuing to make **single crochet stitches** in EACH **chain stitch** until you get to the end of your chain. *DO NOT SKIP* any of the **chain stitches** when creating your **rows** (that is only done in the *beginning* of each **row**).

5. When you get to the end of your chain you'll have completed your first **row** (**Diagram N**). To begin your next **row**, make one **chain stitch**. Next, flip your work over (so you can continue working right to left). Repeat steps 1-5, but instead of inserting your hook into the **chain stiches**, you will be inserting it under the 'V' s of the **single crochet stitches** from the previous **row**. The 'V' shapes can be seen from the TOP of the **single crochet stitches** (**Diagram O and P**).

6. Repeat step 5 until you feel you've done enough **rows** to feel comfortable making **single crochet stitches**.

I   **J**   **K**   **L**

M   **N**   **O**   **P**

'V' shapes
(TOP view)

Don't
Put your crochet hook under the 'V', not through it!

Additional Instructions and Tips

• To control the tension of the yarn, you can weave the working end of the yarn between the last two fingers on your left hand. This will help all of your stitches be about the same size (but do not make your stitches too tight).

• To finish off, cut the yarn leaving a 4" tail. Bring the tail of yarn through the last loop(s) and pull it tight to close your stitch. Weave any excess into the stitches of your work.

• To change yarn colors or skeins, simply tie a small knot to join the two ends of yarn and continue working.

• Wrap a small amount of tape around yarn ends to help thread the yarn through the button and stitch. Remove tape when done.

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Materials/Tools Needed:
• Dark Pink Yarn
• I/5.5 mm Hook
• Button

Stitches Used:
Chain = CH
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Small Purse - Front & Back

To begin, pick out the dark pink skein and find the yarn end. Create a slip knot with a loop near the end of the yarn. **CH 13**

Row 1: **CH 1, SC** in second **CH** stitch from the hook, **SC** in each **CH ST**.

Row 2-13: **CH 1, SC** in second stitch from the hook, **SC** in each **SC.**

Finish off

Repeat the above steps above.

You should now have two crocheted rectangles.

Attaching Button

Cut a 5 inch piece of the dark pink yarn.

Find the button and insert one end of the yarn into one of the button holes. Insert the other end of the yarn into the other button hole. Pull yarn through so both yarn ends are even.

Pick out one of the crochet pieces you just made. This piece will become the front of your small purse. Count 4 rows down from the top of the crochet piece. Find the 7th stitch in this row (or the center stitch of the row). Take your button and insert one of the yarn ends into the left hole next to the stitch. Insert the other yarn end into the right hole next to the stitch.

Flip over crochet piece and tie yarn ends together to secure button in place.

Trim yarn ends.

Purse Latch

Using the dark pink yarn create a slip knot with a loop near the end of the yarn. Leave a 6" tail. **CH 16**

Tie a knot to finish and leave a 6" tail.

Take the back side of the small purse (the side without the button) and tie one end of the chain tail to the 5th stitch from the right.

Tie the other chain tail on the 5th stitch from the left.

Trim yarn ends.

Construction of Small Purse

Lay the front of the small purse (with the button facing up) on top of the back of the purse (with the purse latch facing up.

Take the dark pink yarn and create a slip knot with a loop near the end of the yarn. Leave a 6" tail.

Insert the hook through the upper left corner of both of the crochet pieces.

Wrap the yarn over the hook and pull the hook through all three strands.

Insert the hook through the next hole on the left side of both of the crochet pieces.

Wrap the yarn over the hook and pull the hook through all three strands.

Continue until the left bottom and right side of the bag are joined together.

Finish off.