

Moss Stitch Snap Bag - Crochet Purse Pattern

Materials:

I Hook (5.5 mm)

Worsted Weight Yarn - 1 variegated (MC = main color)
&

1 solid (CC = coordinating color)

(you can use 2 solid colors or all 1 color if you prefer)

Metal measuring tape (Dollar Tree)

Masking tape

Binder clip

Tapestry yarn needle



Purse Bottom

The bottom of the purse is worked in an oval shape, in rounds and lays flat on surface so purse can stand up. With MC, chain 18.

Round 1 - 2 sc in 2nd ch from the hook. 1 sc in each of the next 15 ch. 3 sc in the last ch and rotate (do not turn) around to work the loops on the other side of the beginning ch. 1 sc in each of the next 15. 1 sc in the beginning ch so you have a total of 3sc in that end. Mark the last sc with a stitch marker.

Round 2 - 3sc in first sc. 2sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of the next 15 sc. 2sc in next sc. 3sc in next sc. 2sc in the next sc. 1 sc in each of the next 17 sc. Move stitch marker to mark the last sc.

Round 3 - 2sc in the first sc. 3sc in the next sc. 2sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of the next 19 sc. 2sc in the next sc. 3sc in next sc. 2sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of the next 19 sc. Move stitch marker to mark the last sc.

Round 4 - 1 sc in each of the first two sc. 3sc in first sc. 2sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of the next 23 sc. 2 sc in the next sc. 3sc in next sc. 2sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of the next 21 sc. Move stitch marker to mark the last sc.

Round 5 - 1sc back loop only (BLO) in each sc around and 2 sc BLO in the last sc for a total of 61 sc BLO. Don't worry too much about the total number of stitches. As long as you have an odd number, the pattern will work. Move stitch marker to mark the last sc. This round creates the separation from the bottom of the purse to the body.

Continue on to work the body of the purse.

Purse Body - Moss Stitch (finished size 4-5 inches)

Round 6 - 1 sc in first sc. *ch 1. skip next sc. 1 sc in next ch space*. Repeat * all the way around to the last sc. On the last sc, change to CC yarn and drop MC yarn. Move stitch marker to mark the last sc.

Round 7 - *with CC yarn (do not carry MC yarn), ch 1, skip next sc. 1 sc in next ch space.* Repeat * all the way around to the last sc. On the last sc, change to CC yarn and drop MC. Move stitch marker to mark the last sc.

Round 8 - 22 - Repeat Round 7, alternating yarn colors at the end of each row and moving stitch marker to mark the last sc. Drop unused yarn for each round at the back of the work and do not carry both strands at the same time.

Lay your work aside and make the measuring tape cuts. Do not cut yarn.

Cut Measuring Tape (Dollar Tree)

Pull out a 20 inch section of measuring tape and clamp a binder clip on the tape near the case so it can't retract. Using tin snips or strong scissors, cut off the measuring tape at the binder clip and then cut off the hook near the 0 at the end of the measuring tape.

Lay the measuring tape along the top edge on one side of the purse to determine the length of tape you'll need to insert in each side of the band. Each piece should measure approximately 7 inches.



Cut two equal lengths of measuring tape, 7 inches each (or a little more or less for your measurements). Snip the tip of the corners of each end of the 2 tapes. Clipping a tiny triangle piece off and making rounded edges will prevent any sharp corners poking through your purse.

Keep track of your snipped triangles and put them in the trash. They are very sharp and will cut your fingers or stab your feet if you end up stepping on them on the floor.



Cut 4 pieces of masking tape, 2 inches each, and tape them over the ends of each piece to protect from sharp edges. Fold over any tape ends and edges so the ends are still rounded and nothing pokes through the band.



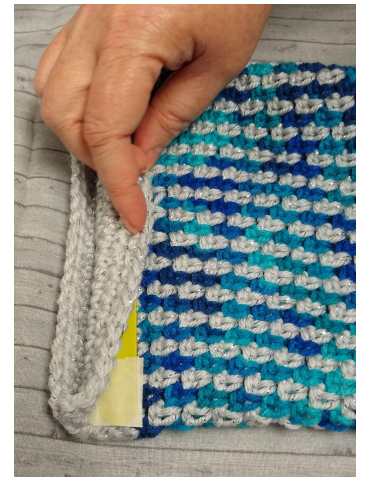
Continue on to work snap closure band.

Purse Snap Closure Band

Round 23 - with MC yarn, *1 sc in ch 1 space. sc in next sc* Repeat * all the way around. Do not change yarn color. Move stitch marker to mark the last sc.

Round 24 - 28 - with MC yarn, 1 sc in each sc around to the last sc.

Note: Before fastening off the yarn on the last round, lay your section of measuring tape on the band and fold the band over the tape to meet the first round of the band to make sure it will fit. If your band doesn't completely cover the measuring tape, crochet an additional round so that there is enough room for the measuring tape. Fasten off MC and CC.



Sew together the band and then insert tape measure.

Cut a long piece of MC yarn (approx 21 inches) and thread it onto the tapestry (yarn) needle.

Turn the purse inside out. Fold the band over all the way around so the top of the stitches on Round 28 meet the bottom of the stitches on Round 24. Lay work flat.

Starting at the right edge of the purse, count 3 stitches to the left and using the tapestry needle, sew the top of each stitch in Round 28 to the bottom of each stitch in round 23 all the way around,



turning the purse over to continue to the 4th stitch from the end. This will create a little "tunnel" to insert the tape measure. Lay the needle aside, keeping the yarn threaded on the tapestry needle.

With the number-printed side of the tape measure facing away from you, insert the tape into the "tunnel" between the layers you sewed together. You may have to wiggle and stretch your work, but eventually the tape measure should slide in all the way to the end of the first side. Turn the purse over and repeat with the second tape measure piece on that side. Later, when the purse is turned right side out, the rounded side of the tape measure should be facing the interior of the purse.



Once the tapes are in place, pick up your tapestry needle and continue sewing the last 6 stitches together to completely close the band. Tie a knot in the yarn and fasten off. Sew in any loose yarn ends from the project.

Carefully turn the purse right side out. Adjust the tape measure as necessary by sliding it a little each way inside the "tunnel" until the fit is right. As you pull the purse open and let go, it should snap itself closed.

Purse Strap:

Use the magic twisty yarn rope technique to create the strap from 4 strands of yarn in any color combination you choose. Be sure that your yarn strands are four times the length that you want for your finished strap. You want the beginning yarn strands really long because you'll be twisting and doubling the yarn back in on itself. When the rope is complete, wait to tie the final knots. You want to insert the finished rope into the purse at each end and then tie the knots. Just be sure to hold the rope ends so they don't unravel. Check out this tutorial video:

<https://youtu.be/aNi2RzuvMtw?si=YkuzZw9qT-30Hum->

Want to do it really quickly with your hand mixer? Sounds crazy, I know, but check out this quick and simple video:

<https://youtu.be/Dq05KqOBVBQ?si=GLNww1x0zyl7sjY9>

Using a small crochet hook (F), insert the hook from the inside of the purse to the outside through a stitch in Round 24 at the right end of the purse. Catch the end of the strap and pull it through to the inside of the purse. Tie a knot in the end of the strap to keep it from pulling back through to the outside of the purse. Repeat this on the other side of the purse with the other end of the strap. Be sure to tug on each end of the strap from the outside to check that it is secure. Clip any long hanging yarn at the end of the knots to about ½” so it looks finished.