

Tutorial little spike cluster stitch purse

This is a tutorial explaining how to make this little purse that features a spike cluster stitch. Materials used: hook size 3, yarn color A, B and C, zipper and some fabric. The purse measures 26 cm long and 10 cm high.



Legend:

Sls: slip stitch;

Sc: single crochet;

Hdc: half double crochet

To learn how to do the spike cluster stitch, a great video tutorial is featured here:

<http://www.mooglyblog.com/spike-cluster-stitch-video-tutorial-crochet/>

Sequence: *4sc, spike cluster stitch in the 5th sc*

Start by chaining 45 stitches with color A. Continue the following 4 rows by doing only sc.

Row 5: change to color B and repeat the sequence between **

Next 5 rows: continue with color B and use only sc

Next row: change to color C and repeat the sequence between **



Continue changing colors as the picture shows.

Finishing the purse: change the color to color C and chain around the work using sc in the back loop, making thus an edge. Note that you have the back of your work facing you. Join the edge with a sls. Continue working around the edge with hdc making a full round (See Figure 1 on page 2).

You should end at the beginning of Side1. Continue working along Side 1 with simple sls. Then work along Side2 with doing sls, but only half of Side2. When you reach half way on Side2, start joining the two halves. Use a sls through stitches on both halves. See Figure 2 for an example.

To advance toward Side4, work sls along Side3. Use the same procedure to join Side4 as used for Side2.

As a simpler alternative, you can also join the sides of the purse with a needle.

Side 1



Side 2



Side 4

Figure 1 Make an edge around the work

Side 3



Figure 2 join the sides of the purse



The resulting purse should look like this.

Attaching a zipper and fabric lining.

I followed a tutorial that can be found here:

<http://carriewolf.net/2011/07/08/how-to-insert-a-zipper-and-lining-into-a-crochet-purse-tutorial/>

Here are the images of the process:



And the final product:



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