Crochet Clutch: Circle Clutch

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A small evening clutch with a full circle flap and a folded rectangular body, worked with two strands of worsted weight yarn held together. No hardware, no buttons, and no lining are needed. This pattern follows the Circle Clutch by Mary Beth Cryan, with the stitch counts recomputed and checked round by round.

Skill level: Easy.

Finished size: 9 in (23 cm) wide and 6.5 in (16.5 cm) tall. Single size.

Materials

Lion Brand Vanna's Choice, worsted weight (4), 100 percent acrylic, 171 yds (156 m) per 3.5 oz (100 g) skein, Color A Pink, 1 skein.

Red Heart Soft, worsted weight (4), 100 percent acrylic, 256 yds (234 m) per 5 oz (140 g) skein, Color B Cinnabar, 1 skein.

Hooks: US L/11 (8 mm) for the flap and the body, US J/10 (6 mm) for the side seams.

Notions: tapestry needle, pins, scissors. Optional: a piece of thin cardboard cut to the inside size of the bag, to stiffen the clutch.

Gauge

With the US J/10 (6 mm) hook, 10 stitches and 12 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. The first 3 rounds of the circle flap measure 5 in (13 cm) across.

Abbreviations, US terms

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

dc: double crochet

sl st: slip stitch

BLO: back loop only

st(s): stitch(es)

rep: repeat

RS: right side

Pattern notes

You will hold two strands of worsted weight yarn together throughout the pattern. The ch 3 counts as a dc throughout the Circle Flap instructions. The ch 1 does not count as a sc

throughout the Body instructions. Work the circle flap first, then the body, taking care to make sure the body width matches the width of your circle. The two pieces are then attached with a running stitch and a whip stitch. Finally, turn the bag inside out and seam the edges closed with a row of single crochet.

Circle Flap

Using the larger hook and holding 2 strands of A together as one, make an adjustable loop, or ch 3 and sl st in the first ch to form a loop.

Round 1: Ch 3, work 12 dc in the ring, join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch-3. (13 dc)

Round 2: Ch 3, work 1 dc in BLO of the next st, work 2 dc in BLO of each remaining st around, join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. (24 dc)

Round 3: Ch 3, work 2 dc in BLO in the next st, *work 1 dc in BLO of the next st, work 2 dc in BLO in the next st; rep from * around, join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. (36 dc)

Round 4: Ch 3, work 1 dc in BLO of the next st, work 2 dc in BLO of the next st, *work 1 dc in BLO of the next 2 sts, work 2 dc in BLO of the next st; rep from * around, join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. (48 dc)

Round 5: Ch 3, work 1 dc in BLO of the next 2 sts, work 2 dc in BLO in the next st, *work 1 dc in BLO of the next 3 sts, work 2 dc in BLO in the next st; rep from * around, join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. (60 dc)

Round 6: Ch 3, work 1 dc in BLO of the next 3 sts, work 2 dc in BLO of the next st, *work 1 dc in BLO of the next 4 sts, work 2 dc in BLO of the next st; rep from * around, do not join. (72 dc)

Cut the yarn with scissors. Using the tapestry needle, fasten off with an invisible join and weave in the ends.

Body

Using the larger hook and one strand each of A and B held together as one, ch 24.

Row 1: Work 1 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across, turn. (23 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, work 1 sc in the same st, work 1 sc in each sc across to the last st, turn. (23 sc)

Rows 3-4: Repeat Row 2. (23 sc)

At this point, double check that the body width matches the flap diameter. If they are not a match, start the body over and adjust the stitch count or hook size to obtain the correct width. Once your measurements are correct, proceed with the pattern.

Rows 5-34: Repeat Row 2. (23 sc)

The body is 34 rows in total. Fasten off. Weave in the ends using the tapestry needle.

Finishing

Find the part of the circle where the chains make a slight seam. Flip the circle so the right side is facing down (the side with the visible raised stitches) and the chain seam is on the left side, horizontal. Lay the body with the right side facing down over the bottom half of the circle and lined up with the chain seam. You should be able to see the center of the circle directly above the

body. Positioned like this, the small circle will fall perfectly on the top of the clutch when closed. Pin in place.

With one strand of Color A and the tapestry needle, sew the circle to the body. You will have the right sides facing you while you sew. Use a woven seam, a running stitch that goes up and down between the double crochet stitches. Start sewing at the right hand corner and proceed around the bottom of the circle. When you reach the left corner, flip the piece so the wrong side faces you and whip stitch the top edge of the body to the circle. When stitching, take care to only catch the stitches of the circle that are not visible from the right side of the bag.

Fold the body in half so the right sides are together and the circle flap is sandwiched between them.

Side Seams: Using the smaller hook and 1 strand of Color A, seam the sides together. Starting at either top edge, join one strand of Color A, place 1 sc at the end of each row, stitching through the front and back pieces of the body at once. Take care NOT to catch any stitches of the flap or circle. Proceed along the edge, ending at the bottom edge. (About 17 sc per side, since the 34-row body is folded in half.) Fasten off. Weave in the ends with the tapestry needle. Repeat with the other side. Turn the clutch right side out so the circle is on the outside.

Optional: For a stiffer clutch, cut a piece of thin cardboard, like a cereal box, to the inside dimensions of the bag and insert it into the clutch.

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