CROCHET COIN PURSE: A BEAUTIFUL ZIPPER POUCH FROM 24 YARDS OF YARN

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FINISHED SIZE

4.5 in (11.5 cm) wide x 3.25 in (8.25 cm) tall.

Each panel, before the zipper is added, is about 4.5 in (11.5 cm) wide x about 3 in (7.5 cm) tall.

Sizes are approximate and will vary a little with your yarn and tension.

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner. This is our rating, not the source's: the source pattern gives no skill level. The crochet uses only chains, slip stitches, and single crochet, with no increases or decreases. The one new skill is sewing in a zipper by hand with a yarn needle.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. Two small panels of 12 rows each plus a hand sewn zipper is an evening project for most crocheters: allow a couple of relaxed hours, a little longer the first time.

MATERIALS

- Medium-weight (#4) yarn, Lion Brand For the Home Cording in Sage (50% recycled cotton, 50% polyester): 24 yards (22 m)
- US H (5.0 mm) crochet hook, or the size needed to obtain gauge
- 4 in (10 cm) zipper (not an invisible zipper)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Pencil (to mark the zipper)

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch: chain. rep: repeat. RS: right side. sc: single crochet. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es).

NOTES

The pattern is written in US crochet terms. The beginning chain of each row does not count as a stitch. The pattern begins by making each panel of the purse separately. Then the pieces are sewn together with a yarn needle and yarn, and the zipper is sewn in by hand. The designer

crochets tightly, so be sure to check your gauge: if you crochet more loosely, you may need a smaller hook, even two hook sizes smaller, to match it. Gauge: 4 in x 4 in (10 cm x 10 cm) swatch of single crochet = 16 rows x 14 stitches. The finished purse is designed to hold folded cash, coins, a driver's license, and credit cards.

PANELS (make 2)

Chain 16.

Row 1: Sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. (15 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in the same st and in each st across. (15 sc)

Rows 3-12: Rep Row 2. (15 sc in each row)

Your panel should be roughly 3 in (7.5 cm) tall. Make 2 panels. Fasten off and weave in your ends.

Note: the top edge of each panel is the loops from the single crochet stitches of Row 12, and the bottom edge is the beginning chain stitching.

ADDING THE ZIPPER TO THE PANELS

On the back side of the zipper, use a pencil to draw a line where you want to connect the panel to the zipper (roughly a quarter inch from the edge).

Cut a piece of yarn 3 times as long as the panel width, about 13.5 in (34 cm). Attach to the yarn needle.

Find the top right corner of one of the panels. Insert the yarn needle into the back loop of the top right corner of the panel (if you catch another loop as well to make it feel stronger, that is fine too). Then insert the needle into the right side of the zipper. Make sure it goes through where you have drawn the pencil line on the back. Pull snug.

Insert the yarn needle into the back side of the zipper, about 1 crochet stitch length to the left of where you just came through. Push through the zipper and then forward through the back loop of the next stitch of the top row of the panel. Pull snug.

Insert the yarn needle from the front of the panel, through the back loop of the next stitch to the left. Then insert the needle into the right side of the zipper directly behind the stitch (along your pencil line).

Continue this method across the top of the panel. Finish off with a knot and weave in your ends.

Line up the second panel with the unsewn side of the zipper (front side towards you). Repeat the process to attach the zipper to the second panel.

SEWING THE PANELS TOGETHER

Cut a tail about 30 in (76 cm) long. Attach one end to the yarn needle.

Starting on the upper right corner of the panel closest to you, use the tail and yarn needle to whip stitch the two edges of the panels together. You can tuck the flaps of the zipper inside as you go. Insert the yarn needle into one loop of one panel and one loop of the second panel. Whip stitch down the edge of the two panels, across the bottom, and back up the other side. Continue to tuck the zipper flaps inside as you get to the end of the other side.

Once you get back up to the zipper on the other side, insert the yarn needle into the inside of the purse. Tie off with a knot and weave in the end (you will need to unzip the purse to do this). Use the yarn needle to also insert the starting tail into the inside of the purse, finish off with a knot, and weave in the end.

LINING

The source pattern gives no lining. The single crochet fabric is dense, so coins should not slip through the stitches. If your stitches are loose and have large holes between them, line the purse with a small piece of fabric, sewn in by hand, before you sew the panels together.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends on the inside of the purse, hiding them inside the stitches so they do not show. Zip and unzip the purse a few times to check the zipper runs smoothly and the panels sit evenly.

CARE

The source pattern gives no care instructions. As general guidance for this cotton cording yarn: hand wash cold and lay flat to dry. Do not bleach. Reshape while damp.

TIPS FOR A NEAT PURSE

- Check your gauge early. A 4 in (10 cm) square of single crochet should have 14 stitches and 16 rows. If your panel is wider than about 4.5 in (11.5 cm), go down a hook size before you work the second panel.
- Count your stitches every row. Every row has 15 single crochet. If your count is off by 1, check the row you just worked before going on.
- Mark the zipper first. The pencil line, about a quarter inch from the edge, keeps your sewing straight and even across the whole top edge.
- Pull each zipper stitch snug, but not tight. Snug stitches hold the zipper flat; tight stitches pucker the top edge.
- Tuck the zipper flaps inside as you whip stitch the sides. The flaps hide inside the purse and keep the ends of the zipper from poking out.
- Make both panels before you sew anything. Two panels the same size make a purse that sits straight.

VARIATIONS

- Two tone purse: work one panel in one color and the second panel in another color. Keep the yarn the same weight and brand so both panels come out the same size.
- Striped purse: change color for the last 2 rows of each panel, so the stripe runs along the bottom edge of the finished purse.
- A taller purse: work 2 extra rows on each panel for about half an inch (1.25 cm) more height. A wider purse: chain 4 more and work 19 stitches across, and use a longer zipper to match

the wider top edge.

- A gift set: make two or three purses in different colors. Each one takes an evening, so a small set is a comfortable project for gifts or a craft stall.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by CAA Crochet: Crochet Coin Purse Pattern, https://www.caabcrochet.com/crochet-coin-purse-pattern/

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