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CROCHET PURSE/CLUTCH PATTERN



Materials needed:

- Approximately 250 feet of 3mm Aster & Vine recycled cotton rope and 6mm crochet hook.
OR
- 1 roll of Aster & Vine raffia yarn and 5.5mm crochet hook.
- Adjustable cork strap or 9" of 1/2" cork strapping, key clip, and 2 chicago screws (information on where to purchase is included at the end)
- Tapestry needle, scissors

Techniques/stitches used: *Magic loop, chain, single crochet, double crochet, half double crochet.*

Level: *Advanced beginner*

Notes before starting: This purse/clutch is crocheted in two pieces – a semi-circle for the front flap and a flat rectangle for the body. I like to leave long ends when I start and finish a section so that I can use those ends to sew the two pieces together.

Step one: Crochet the front flap

Notes on completing the front flap: This section is worked as a semi-circle from the center out, each row makes your semi-circle larger. Every time you turn your work make sure that you are keeping the top edge as straight as possible.

1st Row: Form a magic loop, in your loop complete 3 single crochet (SC) stitches, chain 1, tighten your loop, turn your work. (3 stitches)

2nd Row: Work 2 SC in each stitch, chain 1, turn your work. (6 stitches)

3rd Row: *1 SC, 2 SC in the 2nd stitch* repeat 3 times, chain 1, turn your work. (9 stitches)

4th Row: *2 SC, 2 SC in the 3rd stitch* repeat 3 times, chain 1, turn your work. (12 stitches)

5th Row: *3 SC, 2 SC in the 4th stitch* repeat 3 times, chain 1, turn your work. (15 stitches)

6th Row: *4 SC, 2 SC in the 5th stitch* repeat 3 times, chain 2, turn your work. (18 stitches)

7th Row: *5 Double Crochet (DC), 2 DC in the 6th stitch* repeat 3 times, chain 1, turn your work. (21 stitches)

8th Row: *6 SC, 2 SC in the 7th stitch* repeat 3 times, chain 1, turn your work. (24 stitches)

9th Row: *SC, chain 2, skip 1* repeat until 2nd stitch from the end, 2 SC, cut string and pull through.

Step two: Crochet the body

Notes on completing the body: This section is worked back and forth using a half double crochet stitch, once complete it will be folded in half vertically. Your initial chain will determine how long the body will be. I use 30 chain stitches to make a purse and 24 chain stitches to make a clutch. If you wanted a larger purse you could create a larger chain, for a smaller purse a smaller chain.

- If making a purse, chain 30 stitches. If making a clutch, chain 24 stitches.
- Half double crochet (HDC) starting in 2nd chain from hook, work across, chain 1 (29 stitches for purse, 23 stitches for clutch)
- Turn your work and repeat for 14 rows (**or until the height of your work matches the straight edge of your front flap**)

Step three: Sew the two pieces together

- Start by folding your flat rectangle in half vertically – so that the rows of your work create vertical “stripes”. Keep the back of this piece approximately 1” higher than the front. This prevents it from looking too bulky when you sew the front flap on.
- Using a straight stitch sew the sides together to form a pocket.
- Attach the front flap by sewing the straight edge of the semi-circle to the back top edge of the pocket you just created.

Step four: Attach strapping

- For purses I like to use the adjustable cork strapping from MM Cork supply (<https://mmcorksupply.com/collections/strapping/products/adjustable-cork-strap>), it’s beautiful AND it comes with all the necessary hardware.
- For the clutch I used approximately 9” of ½” cork strapping (<https://mmcorksupply.com/collections/strapping/products/cork-strapping-1-2-15-mm>), a large keychain clip (<https://asterandvine.com/product/large-keychain-clip/>), and 2 medium sized Chicago screws from Emmaline Bags (<https://emmalinebags.com/>)



The green clutch was made using raffia yarn and a 5.5mm hook, it measures 4.5” long and 7.5” wide. The off-white purse was made using 3mm single strand recycled cotton rope and a 6mm hook, it measures 6.5” long and 8.5” wide.

This pattern was created by Erica Tjeerdsma of Aster & Vine. It may be used for personal use as well as instructional material for workshops. Please share and tag your work @asterandvine on social media so I can see your creations!