

Bamboo-Handle Purse

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SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

9 inches wide x 8 inches,
excluding Handles

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Eco-Cotton Blend medium (worsted) weight yarn (3 oz/145 yds/85g per ball):
3 balls #1370 candy marl
- Sizes H/8/5mm and J/10/6mm crochet hooks or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Sewing needle
- Sewing thread
- ¼ yd gold satin fabric
- 1 magnetic snap
- 1 set 5-inch bamboo handles with end rings



GAUGE

Size J hook: 3 hdc = 1 inch;
2 hdc rows = 1 inch



Recycled-cotton yarn and bamboo handles make this a stylish eco-conscious choice.

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Chain-2 at beginning of row or round counts as first half double crochet unless otherwise stated.

PURSE SIDE

Make 2.

Row 1: With size J hook and 3 strands of yarn held tog, ch 30, hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in each rem ch across, turn. (28 hdc)

Row 2: Ch 2 (see Pattern Notes),

[hdc in **front lp** of next st, hdc in **back lp** of next st] across, turn.

Rows 3–15: Rep row 2. Fasten off.

With RS facing, sew sides and bottom of Purse Sides.

INNER LINING COVER STRAP

Rnd 1: With size J hook and 2 strands of yarn held tog, ch 49, using care not to twist, **join** (see Pattern Notes) in first ch, ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in each ch around, join in top of beg ch-2.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, hdc in each hdc around, join in top of beg ch-2.

Rnd 3: Rep rnd 2. Fasten off.

HANDLE STRAPS

Make 4.

Row 1: With size H hook and 1 strand yarn, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, turn. (2 sc)

Rows 2–8: Ch 1, sc in each of next 2 sc, turn.

Rnd 9: Ch 1, sc in next sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in side edge of each row to corner, 3 sc in corner st, 3 sc in next st for corner, sc in side edge of each row to corner, 2 sc in same sc as first sc, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

LINING

Use Purse Sides for pattern, laying bottom of Purse along fold of fabric. Mark along outer edge of Purse, adding $\frac{1}{4}$ inch along sides and top for seams. Cut out Lining, leaving fold intact. With RS tog, sew sides tog.

ASSEMBLY

Fasten half of magnetic snap to center inside of Lining Cover (snap forks should be facing you), rep process with other

half of snap on opposite side of Lining Cover.

Attach 1 bamboo handle to WS of Lining Cover by using Handle Strap on each end of handle and sewing the Handle Strap to the Lining Cover. Make sure handles are centered on the sides of Lining Cover. Rep to attach rem bamboo handle for opposite edge.

Fit top edge of satin Lining over the bottom of the Lining Cover,

leaving $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch space from top of Lining Cover; Lining, Cover, Straps and handles should look like they could slip right into the Purse Sides. Sew satin Lining to the Lining Cover.

Slip satin Lining into Purse Sides. With tapestry needle and length of yarn, sew around in **back lps** of Lining Cover to attach assembled insides to Purse Sides. **CW**