

Godey's 1865 Purse

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Materials:

- Silk lace yarn in four colors... I would buy a little extra just to be safe, approx (3 grams blue, 3 grams red, 3 grams gold, and 15 black)
- Size 6 -8 doily crochet hook, whatever gives you a nice tight stitch
- Button

Size: Purse will be about 4 x 4 inches

Start by making the four squares. You need 2 in red and 2 in blue.

Chain 5, and slip stitch to join

Row 1: Chain 3, working into big hole, 6 dc (7dc, if you count the chain 3)

Row 2: Chain 3 counts as first stitch, turn, working in front loops, dc in next 2 stitches, then do 5 dc next stitch, then 1 dc in the next 3 stitches. (11 stitches)

Row 3: Chain 3, turn, work in back loops, dc in next 4 stitches, dc 5 in the next stitch, dc in next 5 stitches (15 stitches)

Row 4: Chain 3, turn, work in front loops, dc in next 6 stitches, dc 5 in next stitch, dc in next 7 stitches (19 stitches)

Row 5: Chain 3, turn, work in back loops, dc in next 8 stitches, dc 5 in next stitch, dc in next 9 stitches (23 stitches)

Row 6: Chain 3, turn, work in front loops, dc in next 10 stitches, dc 5 in next stitch, dc in next 11 stitches (27 stitches)

Row 7: Chain 3, turn, work in back loops, dc in next 12 stitches, dc 5 in next stitch, dc in next 13 stitches (31 stitches)

Row 8: Chain 3, turn, work in front loops, dc in next 14 stitches, dc 5 in next stitch, dc in next 15 stitches (35 stitches)

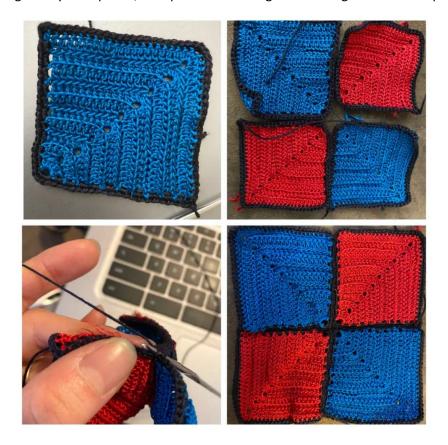
Row 9: Chain 3, turn, work in back loops, dc in next 16 stitches, dc 5 in next stitch, dc in next 17 stitches (39 stitches)

Row 10: Chain 3, turn, work in front loops, dc in next 18 stitches, dc 5 in next stitch, dc in next 19 stitches (43 stitches)

Tie on black. Right side facing.

Row 11: Single crochet in every dc stitch below, and do 3 sc in every corner. Along the sides, work 2 sc in each dc space. when you get to the bottom hole that is between the two dc sides... do 5 single crochet there, and then work back up the other side with 2 sc in each dc space.

Either sew together your squares, or slip stitch them together through the back loop.



Taking gold, tie onto a corner. Work only in the front loop. Chain 6, skip 2 stitches, slip stitch into the 3rd stitch, only through the front loop. Do this all the way around the square.

Note: If your chain stitches are loose in nature, you may want to go down a needle size. You can also decrease/increase the number of chains to give you a pretty loop.

Taking Black, tie on: at one of the corners on the row of single crochet. You are going to be

working in the back loops, on the same row that the chains of gold are worked through. The gold is on the front loop, and the black on the back loop.

Row 1: (Working in the back loop) Chain 4, work a triple crochet till 4 stitches before the center join. Decrease, by triple crocheting 3 stitches together. Do this 3 times in a row. One in the center of the join, and one one each side. Do a triple crochet in the other stitches around. Join with a slip stitch onto the very top chain of the chain 4.

Row 2: Chain 4, working in both loops, to in each stitch 3 stitches before the decreases. Decrease 3 times, by triple crocheting 3 stitches together each time. Join row with slip stitch.



Rows 3 – 5: Repeat Row 2

Row 6: Chain 4, Triple crochet around until you get to the center where the are the 3 decreases from the row below, decrease these three together. Work around, decreasing in each center. Join row with slip stitch.

Rows 7-9: Chain 4, triple crochet in each stitch. Join row with slip stitch. Fasten off

Row 10: Tie on gold. *Chain 6 skip 2 stitches, slip stitch* repeat *to* around.

With sewing needle weave in threads.

Button:

With black: Make a slip knot, Single crochet 6 inside, pull tight.

Row 2: 2 sc in each stitch

Row 3: 2sc in one stitch, 1 sc in the next. Repeat around

Row 4: 2 sc in one stitch, 1 sc in next two stitches. Repeat around

Row 5: 2 sc in one stitch, 1 sc in next three stitches. Repeat around

Keep going in pattern if your button is larger. For me this was good enough. Sew button inside. Leave tail and needle still attached, as you have to sew it onto the gold and the purse.



With Gold

Make a slip knot, dc 10 inside. Pull tight

Row 2: 2 hdc in each dc below

Row 3: Chain 6, skip 1, slip stitch around.

Sew black button onto gold flower, and right into the center of the bottom of the purse.

Weave cords through the 8th row. Sew down the ends.



My tassels are made with a 3" wide Quilting Ruler, and my silk is wrapped around it 45 times. I do a simple loop knot twice.

Tassels and Cords: Cords can be twisted or braided. I braid my cords. My cords are simply the strings that tie off the top of the tassel. They are 58 inches long and folded in half... so you will have six strings per group of tassels. I then, separate strings into two groups, and braid.

When the cords are made. I fold the purse and half and weave the cords from one tassel in and out of the top, in different directions, till they meet in the center. Then, I decide how long I want my cords to be, when my purse is fully opened, and sew the strings down to the inside of the purse. Repeat on the other side, so that you have a drawstring opening and closure.

Enjoy your purse!

~ Jamie Quick

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