



Peterson's Crochet Silk Purse, 1861

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Size: approx 4.5" long and 3.5" wide

Stitch Abbreviations	Supply List
ch - chain	25g silk purse thread
dc - double crochet	
rd - round	3 cords (of 3 tassels)
sc - single crochet	embroidery needle
sl - slip	
st - stitch	
	1.80mm crochet needle

Purse in Crochet Pattern

Pattern Note: Use and count ch3 as first dc throughout.

Foundation Rd: ch 5, sl st into first ch to join.

Round 1: ch3, 14dc into foundation rd, sl st into ch3 to join. (15 dc)

Round 2: ch3 and dc in first st. 2dc in remaining sts, sl st into ch3 to join. (30 dc)

Round 3: ch3, *2dc, dc.* Repeat *to*, sl st into ch3 to join. (45 dc)

Round 4: sl into next st, ch3 and dc in next st. ch1, *skip a st, 2dc, ch1.* Repeat *to*, sl st into ch3 to join. (22 sets - 2dc, ch1)

Round 5: sl into ch1 space, *3dc, ch1.* Repeat *to* in each ch1 space. sl st into ch3 to join. (22 sets - 3dc, ch1)

Round 6: Repeat Round 5.

Round 7: ch3, dc in each st and ch1 space. sl st into ch3 to join. (88 dc)

Round 8: ch3, dc in each st. sl st into ch3 to join. (88 dc)

Round 9: ch3, 2dc, ch1. *skip one st, 3dc, ch1.* Repeat *to,* sl st into ch3 to join. (22 sets - 3dc, ch1)

Round 10 - 28: Repeat Rounds 5 - 9, four times.

Round 29 - 30: Repeat Round 5.

Round 31: *Ch7, sc in ch space.* Repeat *to,* sl st into ch3 to join.

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Your crocheting is complete! Now, time for tassels and cords.

Bottom Tassels: Watch a Youtube Video on How to Make Tassels and Practice! Seriously, if you have never made tassels before, don't dig into your silk yet. Make tassels with cotton or wool yarn first.

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. Once, I have three tassels, I tie the three tassels together. Drawl the yarn up through the bottom hole in the purse, tie knots to secure, and weave the yarn through my work (only on the inside, don't weave it through, so that it shows on both sides of your work) and cut off the extra string.

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 knot all six strings together about 3/4 of an inch above the tassels, 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 row 30... both strings 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.

A Look into the Historical Pattern

This is what was featured in Peterson's Magazine, in 1861. Like most patterns of the time, accuracy wasn't really a thing. If you look closely at this pattern, you will discover it isn't actually mathematically correct. Ladies looked at the directions, pictures, and made something work. Which, is exactly what I did. The pattern below, is my adaptation of the above pattern. What did I change?

I closed the bottom to the purse. This was a preference of mine. If you want an open bottom, go for it! If you keep the same number of stitches, as I have in each round, your purse will be the same shape and size.

I didn't follow the bottom diagram. The bottom diagram shows 1dc in the chain one space, and a dc in each stitch next to the chain. I choose to do 3dc in each ch1 space. Why? Because, it creates a prettier hole. In fact, when I followed the directions, it didn't give me a pretty gap at all.

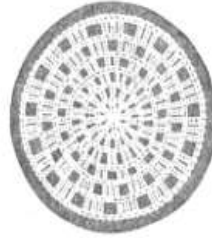
I didn't add as much frill to the top.

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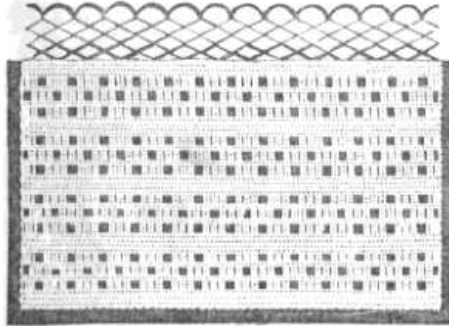
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We give an engraving of a new and pretty purse, to be crocheted with gold thread. An-



nexed is the pattern for the bottom. Below is the side. They are to be crocheted together, and the purse finished with tassels. These purses, made in gold, are all the rage this winter.



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