This Simple Crocheted Motif Joins to make your Favorite Type Handbag

ONE MOTIF...THREE BAGS ON THE SQUARE

ILLUSTRATED ON COVER

TASSEL BAG—ABOUT 14 INCHES

Fashion Ties this Oblong with Tassels

No. 2681

MATERIALS:

J. & P. COATS KNIT-CRO-SHEEN:

Tassel Bag: 2 balls of White, Ecru or Cream, or 4 balls of any color.
½ yard lining material.
1/3 yard crinoline.
A 6-inch zipper.
Steel Crochet Hook No. 1.

Envelope Bag: 2 balls of White, Ecru or Cream, or 3 balls of any color.
½ yard lining material.
1/3 yard buckram.
A button 1½ inches in diameter.
Steel Crochet Hook No. 1.

Drawstring Bag: 3 balls of White, Ecru or Cream, or 4 balls of any color.
1/3 yard lining material.
2 yards grosgrain ribbon 5/8 inch wide.
Steel Crochet Hook No. 1.

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See page 13 for Materials.

GAUGE: Motif measures 2½ inches square.

Use thread double throughout.

MOTIF (Same for all 3 bags) . . . Starting at center, ch 9. Join with sl st. 1st rnd: 12 sc in ring. Sl st in 1st sc made. 2nd rnd: Ch 3, 24 dc in ring. Sl st in 1st dc. 3rd rnd: Ch 4, tr in same place as sl st, 2 tr in next dc, * tr in each of next 3 dc, 2 tr in each of next 2 dc, ch 3, 2 tr in same place as last 2 tr, 2 tr in next dc. Repeat from * around, ending with 2 tr in same place as sl st, ch 3, sl st in top st of starting chain. 4th rnd: Sc in each tr around and 5 sc in each corner sp. Sl st in 1st sc made. Fasten off.

Sew motifs together on wrong side, picking up only the back loop and leaving 1 st free at corner of each motif.

TASSEL BAG

(Measures 14 inches long.) Make 26 motifs.

GUSSET (Make 2) . . . Work first 4 rnds as for motif. 5th rnd: Ch 4, tr in each st around, making 2 tr, ch 2 and 2 tr in center sc of each corner. Join. 6th rnd: Ch 4 and tr in each tr around, making 2 tr, ch 2 and 2 tr in each corner sp. Join. 7th rnd: Sc in each st around and 5 sc in each corner sp. Join and fasten off. Sew motifs and gussets together following diagram.

Make a paper pattern of this crocheted piece (excluding tips of motifs beyond dotted line in diagram) and lay it aside to be used later. Sew remaining sides of each gusset to motifs so that tip of gusset touches top of bag (at dotted line), thus leaving a 6½-inch opening at top for zipper.

TASSELS . . . Make 4 tassels of 140 strands each, having tassels measure 3½ inches long.

Sew 2 tassels at each end of top opening, as in illustration. For lining instructions see page 3.

ENVELOPE BAG

(Measures 10 inches.) Make 28 motifs and sew together, having 4 motifs for width and 7 motifs for length.

Make a paper pattern of this crocheted piece and lay it aside to be used later.

Fold over 3 rows of motifs and sew to corresponding motifs at sides, thus leaving 1 row of motifs free to be used as a flap.

LOOP . . . 1st row: Ch 21. Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across. Ch 3, turn. 2nd row: Dc in each st across. Fasten off. Sew the 2 long sides together and sew ends to flap to form loop.

BUTTON . . . Work first 2 rnds as for motif. Now work in scs, increasing as necessary to keep work flat until crocheted piece measures same as button—to inc an sc, make 2 sc in 1 sc. Insert button and continue with scs, dec as necessary until button is covered—to dec an sc, work off 2 sc as 1 sc. Fasten off. Sew button in place. For lining instructions see page 3.

DRAWSTRING BAG

(Measures 11 inches wide.) Make 34 motifs.

SIDE (Make 2) . . . Sew 12 motifs together—4 motifs for width and 3 motifs for depth.

Now make a strip of 10 motifs and using this strip as a gusset, sew to corresponding motifs of sides.

HEADING . . . 1st rnd: Attach double strand to any stitch at top of bag, ch 4, and tr in each st around. Sl st in top st of ch-4. 2nd rnd: Ch 4, tr in next st, * ch 2, skip 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts. Repeat from * around. Join. 3rd rnd: Ch 4, tr in each tr and 2 tr in each sp around. Join. 4th rnd: Ch 4, tr in next 4 tr, * ch 3, 2 dc in last tr made, ch 3, sl st in same place, tr in next 5 tr. Repeat from * around. Join. Cut ribbon in half.

Pass one piece of ribbon through heading and knot ends. Starting from the opposite direction pass remaining ribbon through heading, knotting ends as before. Line bag up to heading using French seams.
HERE'S THE INSIDE STORY

It's the lining that makes your bag complete, gives it shape, form, a finished look. We have lining instructions down to a simple ABC... so simple, the lining is removable and your bag can be washed. So follow these easy directions, and give your bag that custom-made look... that professional touch!

LINING INSTRUCTIONS...

1--Insert piece (or pieces) of paper pattern into crocheted bag and trim pattern if necessary to correspond in size and shape. It is important that pattern be slightly smaller than corresponding crocheted piece.

2--(a) Cut lining material exactly like piece (or pieces) of paper pattern.
(b) Cut buckram (or crinoline, as specified in directions) in exact shape of paper pattern but a generous ¼ inch smaller all around.

3--(a) Place buckram (or crinoline) over lining material, turn edges about ¾ inch over buckram all around and pin, so that the lining is taut and buckram cups slightly. Sew edges of lining to buckram with over-and-over stitches, being careful not to have stitches show on right side. The lined side of buckram is the lining of your bag.
(To prevent transparency in a bag made of motifs or of lacy texture... line the other side of buckram, sewing with slip stitches along edges and keeping curve of buckram.)
(b) Assemble the piece (or pieces) of lined buckram by sewing with small over-and-over stitches. Your bag form is now completed.

4--Where a zipper is specified, pin the tape in place to outer side of bag form (thus zipper will come between bag form and crochet). Sew firmly.

5--Insert bag form into crocheted bag and slip stitch along edges.