

Three Handbags with Crochet

This article describes three handbags, varying in size, shape, and application of crochet.

MATERIALS — Two 200 - yard spools of linen thread No. 50, at 15 cents a ball, and a crochet-hook of suitable size to carry the thread easily.

DIRECTIONS # Chain 75, and make It in each st of ch, then turn and work on the other side of ch in the same way.

1 st round — Chain 5, (1 t, ch 2, 1 t, ch 2, 1 t.) all at base of 5 ch. miss 4 t, (1 t, ch 2,) 3 times, 1 t. all in 5th t, (this makes one fan). Make a fan in every 5th t all around, 30 fans in all, and join to 3d st of 5 ch. Then work with si st to middle of first fan, ready to start the 2d row. 3d round—Fan in first fan, 4 roll sts (over 12 times,) in second fan, fan in each of next two fans, ch 8, sl st in 5th ch (from needle), ch 2, sl st in 8th ch (carrying thread around back of work), 20 t in ring of 5 ch, sl st in top of 1st t of wheel, ch 4, carry ch along on back of little wheel and fasten with a sl st through lower edge of wheel and top of fan below, ch 4, fasten to other side of wheel opposite the beginning; fan in each of next two fans, 4 roll sts in next fan, fan in each of next two, wheel in next fan, fan in each of next two fans, 4 roll sts in next fan, and then one fan in each fan for the remainder of the round, 3d round—Fan in first fan, 4 roll sts in middle of group of rolls, fan in each of two fans, ch 3, sl st in top of wheel, ch 3, fan in each of two fans, 4 roll sts in group of rolls, fan in each of two fans, ch 3, sl st in top of wheel, ch 3. fan in each of two fans. 4 rolls in group of rolls, then, fan in each remaining f a 11 around, and join to first fan.

Repeat the 2d and 3d rounds until the bag is as deep as desired. Then, ch 15, sl st in 2d and 1st chs, 8 d in ring pf 13 ch, * ch 15, sl st in 2d and 1st chs, 8 d in ring of 13 ch, si st in first fan to right, 8 d in ring; repeat from * around the top of bag, then fill the upper half of each ring with 16 d, with a sl st between rings, thus completing the rings for the draw-strings.

Make three rows of fans top of tin-rings, then in each fan put 5 long roll sts (over 20 times), and finish with loops of six chain all around the top.

Make a row of rings across the bottom of bag in which to knot the fringe, and crochet a cord of the thread by working a ch, then, with a larger hook, crochet the ch into a heavier ch or cord, and finish with crocheted rings and tassels. Line the bag with any pretty color desired, or to match the costume with which it is to be carried.

HandBag with Filet Insertion, No. 154-10

INSERTION Material. — One ball No. 50 Cordonnet crochet cotton at 23 cents, and a steel crochet-hook No. 11. at 5 cents.

DIRECTIONS — Chain 39. 1st row t in 9th st from hook, (ch 2, skip 2 sts. t in next) 3 times, 3 t in next 3 sts. (ch 2, skip 2 sts, t in next) 5 times. The remainder of the directions will be given in blocks (bls), consisting of t on t, 2 t in ch, t on t, and spaces (sps), made by t on t, 2 ch, t on t. Always ch 5 to turn, at the end of row. 3d row—4 sps, 1 bl, 1 sp, 1 bl, 4 sps. 3d row—3 sps, 1 bl, 3 sps, 1 bl, 3 sps. 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th rows—Like 3d row. 9th row—4 sps, r bl, 1 sp, 1 bl. 4 sps. 10th row—5 sps, 1 bl, 5 sps. Repeat from 2d row for required length.

White linen is used for the top and bottom, and instead of square corners the points are cut off, making the bag narrower across the bottom. The material each side of the insertion is hemmed, and a line of French knots is made along the edge. A rather wide hem is turned at the top, and instead of ivory rings, crocheted loops are made, in which to run the draw-ribbon or cord, as preferred.

Venetian Handbag No. 154-11

Take a piece of linen 11 x 5 1/2 inches. Turn a hem all around, half an inch wide, draw two threads and hemstitch around. Then, to mark off the squares by which to do the cross-stitch, cut a thread along the line of hemstitching and draw it. Do this at both side and end, counting the threads between, so the squares will be even. Cross-stitch a space 3 1/2 by 3 inches above the hem on one end. Embroider a round figure, half an inch in diameter in every corner, and in the cen-tre of the cross-stitched square. Make a Venetian rose around the centre figure with coarse, white embroidery cotton. Make a twisted cord with twelve strands of No. 5 Cordonnet crochet cotton, 16 inches long. Turn up 3 inches for the bag, and run a whalebone in the hem. Fold over the embroidered end and sew the cord in the upper corners. Crochet two balls together and sew to upper and lower corners.