

## The Peony Purse



This pattern is a bit complex containing both knitting and crocheting, cables and bobbles and what not. It's why I have put off writing it for so long! Even now, I am not certain that what follows will give you exactly what is pictured, but it should be a very close approximation. Please let me know if there are problems, difficulties and/or errors; I would be very grateful :)

### *Materials:*

Classic Elite Flash, 50 grams/93 yards per hank: 4 hanks in Delta Pink (color has been discontinued) - but any light worsted weight cotton with a bit of body to it should do nicely.

US Size 6 DPNs - set of 5, one size 7 (G) crochet hook.

### *Terms:*

K - Knit

P - Purl

K1b - Knit through the back of the stitch

C4R - Cable 4 right: Slip next 2 stitches to a cable needle and hold behind the work. K2, then knit the two stitches from the cable needle.

C4L - Cable 4 left: Slip next 2 stitches to a cable needle and hold in front of the work. K2 then knit the two stitches from the cable needle.

MB - Make bobble: In the next stitch, work K1, yo, K1. Turn work. Purl three. Turn work. Lift second stitch on left needle over first and drop off needle. Repeat with third stitch. Knit the remaining stitch through the back.

Dc - double crochet  
Ch - chain  
Sl st - slip stitch

### *Pattern*

Using 2 DPNs, cast on 25 stitches and knit plain for 49 rows.

Next row: K12, cast on 1 stitch with a backwards loop, K 13: 50 rows, 25 garter stitch ridges.

With another DPN, pick up 12 stitches along next side, cast on 1 stitch with a backwards loop, pick up 13 stitches. Repeat for cast-on edge and remaining side: 104 stitches, 26 stitches on each of 4 needles.

Round 1, First needle: (K1, P1) 3 times, K1, P2, K9, P2, (K1, P1)3 times; repeat for each of remaining three needles.

Round 2: Repeat Round 1.

Round 3: (P1, K1) 3 times, P3, C4R, K1, C4L, P3, (K1, P1) 2 times, K1; repeat for each of three remaining needles.

Round 4: (P1, K1) 3 times, P3, K9, P3, (K1, P1) 2 times, K1; repeat for each of three remaining needles.

Round 5: (K1, P1) 3 times, K1, P2, K4, MB, K4, P2, (K1, P1) 3 times; repeat for each of three remaining needles.

Round 6: (K1, P1) 3 times, K1, P2, K4, K1b, K4, P2, (K1, P1) 3 times; repeat for each of three remaining needles.

Round 7: (P1, K1) 3 times, P3, K3, MB, K1, MB, K3, P3, (K1, P1) 2 times, K1; repeat for each of three remaining needles.

Round 8: (P1, K1) 3 times, P3, K3, K1b, K1, K1b, K3, P3, (K1, P1) 2 times, K1; repeat for each of three remaining needles.

Work rounds 1 through 8 six times or to desired height of purse (more height may require additional yarn). You can switch to a circular needle if this is more comfortable for you to work with, just remember that you're working each round's instructions four times per round. On round 8 of the *last* pattern repeat, discreetly increase one stitch: 105 stitches.

Bind off loosely until only one stitch remains. Pick up this stitch with the crochet hook and chain 2.

First crochet round: Dc in next three stitches, ch 1, skip next stitch, \*dc in each of next four stitches, ch1, skip next stitch; repeat around. You should end with a ch 1. Slip stitch in top of starting chain.

Second crochet round: Ch 3, dc in same stitch as joining, dc in next dc, ch 2, dc in next dc, 2 dcs in next dc. Ignoring ch 1 space, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, ch 2, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat around; join with slip stitch in top of starting chain.

Third crochet round: Slip stitch to ch 2 space. Ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc all in ch 2 space. Ch 2, sk next three dcs, slip stitch between 3dc sets, ch 2. Skip next three dcs. 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dcs in next ch 2 space; repeat around, joining with a slip stitch to top of starting chain. End off and weave in ends.

Make 2 cords about 50" long. You can do this any way you like. I made monk's cord, but I-cord or braid or even purchased ribbon would be lovely. Thread the first cord through the ch 1 spaces of the first crochet row. Knot the ends. Thread the second cord starting at the opposite side of the bag so that when you pull on both cords, the bag closes. Leave the knots or add tassels as you wish. Weave in the ends and you're good to go :)



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