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## Paris Carpetbag

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Technique used: Crochet



### Naturally Caron.com Country

(75% micro denier acrylic/25% merino wool; 3 oz/85 g, 185 yds/169 m skein):

24 oz (A), 9 oz (B), 9 oz (C)

Shown in: #0024 Black (A), #0016 Charcoal (B), #0018 Spice House (C)

One size US H-8 (5 mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge.

4 black plastic D-rings—1 1/4"/3 cm diameter

Craft felt (for lining)—1 1/2 yd/1.5 m

Sewing needle and thread

1 internal metal purse frame—tubular frame, 12"/30.5 cm wide x 7"/18 cm deep when open

Yarn needle



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Printer Friendly instructions

### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bag measures approximately 12"/30.5 cm wide x 11"/28 cm high x 7"/18 cm deep

### GAUGE

In pattern, holding 2 strands of yarn together and using H-8 (5 mm) hook, 16 sts and 17 rows = 4"/10 cm.

### STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (slip st)

### SPECIAL TERMS

**FPdc:** Front-post double crochet: (RS)Yarn over, insert hook from right-hand side of stitch to WS of piece, return to RS at left-hand side of stitch indicated, yarn over and draw up a loop, complete as dc. In this project, FPdc are worked in stitches 2 rows below current row, skip the corresponding stitch in the current row.

**sc2tog:** Single crochet 2 together – Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, (2 loops on hook), insert hook

in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

#### NOTES

1. Bag is worked holding 2 strands of yarn together throughout.

2. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over, yarn over with new color to complete the stitch. Carry colors not in use loosely along edge of work.

#### BODY (front and back)

Holding 2 strands of A together, chain 46.

**Row 1:** Sc in second ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, turn—45 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in each st across; change to 2 strands of B in last st, turn.

**Row 3:** With B, ch 1, sc in first st, FPdc in next sc 2 rows below (in Row 1), \*sc in next 2 sts, FPdc in next sc 2 rows below; repeat from \* to last st, sc in last st, turn— 30 sc and 15 FPdc.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, sc in each st across; change to 2 strands of C in last st, turn.

**Rows 5 and 6:** With C, repeat Rows 3 and 4; change to 2 strands of A in last st of last row.

**Rows 7–122:** Repeat Rows 3 and 4, alternating 2 rows each with A, B, and C, and ending with 2 rows of A. Do not turn at end of last row. Fasten off B and C.

#### Side Edging

**Row 1:** With A, ch 1, working along side edge, sc in end of each row, turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across. Fasten off A.

Holding 2 strands of A together, join yarn in corner of opposite side edge and repeat Rows 1 and 2 for opposite side edging.

#### GUSSET (make 2)

Beginning at top edge of gusset, and holding 2 strands of A together, chain 27.

**Row 1:** Sc in second ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, turn—26 sc.

**Rows 2–7:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 8 (increase):** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st to last st, 2 sc in last st, turn—28 sc.

**Rows 9–14:** Repeat Rows 2–8—30 sc.

**Rows 15–20:** Repeat Rows 2–8—32 sc.

**Rows 21–44:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 45 (decrease):** Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each st to last 2 sts, sc2tog, turn—30 sc.

**Rows 46 and 47:** Repeat Rows 44 and 45—28 sc. Fasten off.

#### Gusset Edging

With RS facing, join 2 strands of A with slip st in top corner of gusset to work along side edge.

**Row 1 (RS):** Ch 1, working along side edge, sc in end of each row; pivot to work along last row of gusset, sc in each st across; pivot to work along opposite side edge, sc in end of each row—122 sc. Fasten off.

#### POCKET (make 2)

**Note:** Alternate 2 rows each with A, B, and C throughout pocket, beginning and ending with 2 rows of A.

Beginning at top of pocket, and holding 2 strands of A together, chain 29.

**Row 1:** Sc in second ch from hook and in each remaining st across, turn—28 sc.

**Rows 2–23:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Rows 24–26:** Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each st to last 2 sts, sc2tog, turn—22 sc. Fasten off.

#### Pocket Edging

With RS facing, join 2 strands of A with slip st in top corner of pocket to work along side edge.

**Round 1 (RS):** Ch 1, working along side edge, sc in end of each row; pivot to work along last row of pocket, sc in each st across; pivot to work along opposite side edge, sc in end of each row; pivot to work along opposite side of foundation ch, slip st in each ch across top of pocket—74 sc and 28 slip st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing pocket to bag.

#### POCKET FLAP (make 2)

**Note:** Alternate 2 rows each with B, C, and A throughout flap, beginning and ending with 2 rows of B.

Beginning at top of flap, and holding 2 strands of B together, chain 29.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, turn—28 sc.

**Rows 2–11:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Rows 12–14:** Repeat Rows 24–26 of pocket—22 sc. Fasten off.

#### Flap Edging

With RS facing, join 2 strands of A with slip st in top corner of flap to work along side edge.

**Round 1 (RS):** Ch 1, working along side edge, sc in end of each row; pivot to work along last row of pocket, sc in each st across; pivot to work along opposite side edge, sc in end of each row; pivot to work along opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each ch across top of flap. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing flap to gusset.

#### D-RING TAB (make 4)

Holding 2 strands of A together, chain 2.

**Row 1:** Sc in second ch from hook, turn—1 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, 2 sc in sc, turn—2 sc.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc, turn—4 sc.

**Rows 4 and 5:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st to last st, 2 sc in last st, turn—8 sc.

**Row 6:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 7:** Ch 1, slip st in first 2 sts, (slip st, ch 1, sc) in next st, sc in next 3 sts, turn; leave remaining 2 sts unworked—4 sc.

**Row 8:** Ch 1, sc in first 4 sc, turn; leave slip sts unworked.

**Rows 9–24:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. Do not turn at end of last row. Do not fasten off.

#### Tab Edging

**Row 1 (RS):** Ch 1, working along side edge, slip st in end of each row to triangle bottom; ch 1, sc evenly spaced around triangle; working along opposite side edge, slip st in end of each row. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing tab to bag.

#### FINISHING

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

#### Lining

Place all bag pieces on felt and trace around the pieces. Cut out the felt pieces, cutting the felt 1/4"/0.5 cm smaller (all the way around) than the bag pieces. Do not sew lining pieces to bag pieces until instructed. Using sewing needle and thread, whipstitch pocket and flap linings to pockets and flaps. Center one pocket over lower end of each gusset; sew in place using yarn needle and yarn tail. Place flaps slightly above pockets, aligning stripes. Using yarn needle and yarn tail, sew across tops of flaps. Draw all yarn ends to the wrong sides of the gussets. Sew gusset liners in place, hiding all yarn ends under lining. Take care that linings do not cover the edging sts. Cut body felt lining into three pieces; front, back, and bottom. Width of bottom lining should be the same as the width of the gusset at lower edge. Sew front, back, and bottom bag linings to bag body.

#### Assembly

Hold WS of body and one gusset together, with top edges even.

**Row 1:** Working through both thicknesses, holding 2 strands of A together, join yarn with sc in upper corner of bag and gusset, sc in each edging st around gusset to opposite upper corner. Fasten off and draw yarn ends to wrong side of bag, keeping the ends hidden under the felt lining.

Join second gusset to bag in same manner.

#### Purse Frame Sleeve

With RS of bag facing, join 2 strands of A to top edge of one gusset with sc in 10th st before edging rows between front and gusset

**Row 1:** Ch 1, sc in next 9 sts of gusset (to connecting rows between front and gusset); working in ends of rows of edging and in first sts of front [sc2tog] 3 times, sc in each st across top of bag to last 3 sts before connecting rows between front and opposite gusset; working in last sts of front and in ends of rows of edging [sc2tog] 3 times, sc in next 10 sts across gusset, turn—65 sc.

**Rows 2 and 3:** Ch 1, sc in each st across; change to 2 strands of B in last st, turn.

**Rows 4–7:** Repeat Rows 2 and 3, working 2 rows with B, then 2 rows with C; change to 2 strands of A in last st of last row.

**Row 8:** With A, ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 9:** Ch 1, sc in first 9 sts, [sc2tog] twice, sc in each st to last 13 sts, [sc2tog] twice, sc in last 9 sts, turn—61 sc.

**Row 10:** Ch 1, sc in first 8 sts, sc2tog, sc in each st to last 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in last 8 sts, turn—59 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing frame sleeve to one side of purse frame.

Fold sleeve over one side of frame, into inside of bag. Using yarn needle and yarn tail, sew last row of sleeve to first row

of sleeve. Fasten off and draw yarn ends behind felt lining.  
Make second purse frame sleeve across back of bag in same manner.

#### **Attach D-rings and Tabs**

Slip tab ends (not triangles) through D-rings, fold ends over. Using yarn needle and yarn tail sew tab end to back of tab. Position two tabs on front of bag, spaced approx 4"/10 cm apart and allowing D-rings to extend just above purse frame sleeve. Continuing with yarn needle and yarn tail, sew tabs to bag front. Position and sew two tabs to the back of bag in same manner.

#### **Handle (make 2)**

Holding 2 strands of A together, chain 5.

**Row 1:** Sc in second ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, turn—4 sc.

**Rows 2–84:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. Do not turn at end of last row.

**Row 85 (RS):** Ch 1, working along side edge, slip st in end of each row; ch 1, pivot to work along opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each ch across; ch 1, pivot to work along opposite side edge, slip st in end of each row. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing strap to D-rings.

Loop ends of one strap through D-rings on front of bag. Using yarn needle and yarn tails, sew ends to back of strap.

Repeat with second strap and D-rings on back of bag.

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