



## What You'll Need:

- o 3.5mm hook
- o 8 ply cotton in 2 colours
- o Stitch marker
- o Zip
- Sewing thread & needle

## **Abbreviations:**

## **US terms used**

**ch** chain

sc single crochet

sl st slip stitch

**Note:** Most of the tutorial photos have been removed from this print version to keep file size down. The full tutorial including photos can be found at

http://mypoppet.com.au/makes/2014/08/tapestry-crochet-coin-purse.html

# **Special Techniques:**





- o Join in contrast colour at the start of the row by placing the end over the main colour and then crochet over the top of it to trap it in.
- Continue stitching, carrying the non-working colour behind your work, catching it in as you crochet over the top of it





To change colour, leave the last 2 loops of the working colour of the stitch **before** you want to change, yarn over with new colour and pull loop of new colour through.

o Continue stitching with the new colour as before until the next colour change.

# **Handy Hints:**

- **#1** To make a nice clean line when changing colour, flip the old working colour to the **front** of your work as you make the colour change then back again once the change has been made.
- **#2** Give the non working yarn a little tug at each colour change to stop it showing through as much.
- **#3** Use a smaller hook than you normally would. This also helps to hide the carried colour from showing through.

#### Pattern:

#### Base

o Row 1: Ch 18, sc into 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook, sc to end, ch 1 turn

o Row 2: Sc 17, ch 1, turn

o Row 3: Sc 17 stop (don't ch 1 or turn, proceed to next step)

Now we are going to stitch around all sides of the base to prepare forming the sides of the purse....

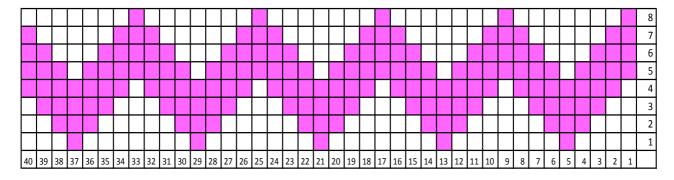
- Without turning, sc back into same space as last stitch worked.
- o Working along the left side of the base, 2sc into next space
- o 17 sc along bottom of foundation chain
- o and then back up along the right hand side of the base, sc 1 into last st worked, sc into next 2 spaces (40 sts)

Next we are going to form the sides of the purse and begin working in the round ...

o Sc into next st and place a stitch marker into this first stitch, sc to end.

And now the fun Tapestry Crochet part begins. Join in contrast yarn and follow the pictures in the **Special Techniques** section above

 Work the next 8 rows following the chart below reading from right to left and from bottom to top



- o Once you've finished the chart design, tie off the contrast colour and work another 6 rounds of sc in main colour.
- o Join with a sl st. Break off yarn and weave in ends
- o Hand stitch a zip into top of pouch and you're done.

**Tip:** Don't worry if your zip is too long. To make zip smaller, make a few stitches over the top of the zipper teeth at the length required then trim off excess.