

**Skill level 2
Honeycomb Knit Purse**

*Courtesy of Coats & Clark
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Supplies:

- TLC® "Essentials™"
 - Art. E514 (6 ounce solid/4 1/2 ounce multicolor skeins)
 - 5 Ounces No. 2348 Purple Mist
- 4 mm [US G-6] crochet hook
- 5 3/8" diameter bamboo circle purse handle
- 7/8" diameter button
- Yarn needle
- Sewing needle and thread

GAUGE: In pat: 16 sts = 4"; 16 rows = 4".
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size crochet hook to obtain the gauge.

To check your gauge and become familiar with the pattern, ch 20, work 1 row of 19 sc, 1 row dc, then work in honeycomb pat begin with Row 2.

Directions:

BASE: Ch 33. Rnd 1: 3 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 30 ch, 5 sc in last ch, sc on opposite side of ch in rem lp of next 30 ch, 2 sc in same ch as first 3 sc; join with a sl st to first sc – 70 sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 32 sc, [2 sc in next sc] 3 times, sc in next 32 sc, 2 sc in last sc; join – 75 sc.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 35 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 34 sc, 2 sc in last sc; **DO NOT JOIN; TURN** – 79 sc. Now work back and forth in rows.

BAG-Row 1 (Wrong Side): Ch 3, skip first sc, dc in front lp of each sc across; turn.

NOTE: Always work the raised st (fptr, cl, fpdc) around the **POST** of the stitch indicated.

NOTE: The first fptr of Row 2 is worked around the 4th dc.

Honeycomb Pat-Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first dc, skip next 2 dc; [*yo twice, insert hook from front to back to front around the post of next st, yo and draw lp through, [yo and draw through 2 lps on hook] 3 times, skip the st after the last sc worked – fptr made*; sc in next 3 dc; * *holding back last lp on hook, fptr around the post of the same st as last fptr, skip next 3 sts, fptr around the post of the next st, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook, skip the st after the last sc worked – cl made*; sc in next 3 dc; rep from * to last 2 sts; fptr around same dc as last leg of last cl, sc in top of ch-3; turn.

Row 3 AND EVERY WRONG SIDE ROW: Ch 1, sc in each st across; turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first 3 sc, cl around first fptr 2 rows below and next cl, sc in next 3 sc, * cl around same cl as last leg of last cl and next cl 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * across working last leg of last cl around the last fptr 2 rows below.

Row 6: Ch 1, sc in first sc, fptr around cl 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sc, cl around same cl and next cl 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sc, * cl around same cl as last leg of last cl and next cl 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * to last 2 sts; fptr around same cl as last leg of last cl, sc in last sc; turn.

Row 7: Rep Row 3.

Rep Rows 4-7 three more times for honeycomb pat.

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Directions continued:

Next Row: Ch 1, sc in first sc; *yo, insert hook under the post of next fptr, yo and draw lp through, [yo and draw through 2 lps on hook] twice, skip the st after the last sc worked*— fpdc made; sc in next 3 sc, * fpdc around next cl, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * to last 2 sts; fpdc around fptr, sc in next sc; turn.

Next Row: Rep Row 3.

Next Row: Ch 1, sc in first sc, fpdc around fpdc, * sc in next 3 sc, fpdc around fpdc; rep from * to last sc; sc in last sc; turn.

Next Row: Rep Row 3.

Rep last 2 rows twice more for rib pat.

Divide and Shape Top: Keeping continuity of pat, ch 1, sl st in first 4 sc, ch 1, work in pat across next 31 sc; turn.

Next Row: Ch 1; *skip next sc, draw up a lp in next 2 sc, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook* — dec2 made; sc in each st to last 3 sts; dec2; turn — 27 sts.

Next 4 Rows: Ch 1, dec2, work in pat to last 3 sts; dec2; turn — 11 sts rem on last (wrong side) row.

Shape Tab: Now work even in pat as established on last row for 6 rows. Fasten off.

With right side facing, skip next 9 sc on last long row; attach yarn in next sc; ch 1, sc in same sc, work in pat across next 30 sc; turn leaving last 4 sc unworked. Complete to correspond to first side.

FINISHING: Sew side seam. With right side facing, attach yarn at seam; ch 1, work sc around shaped edges taking care to keep work flat; join. Fasten off.

Slip tab through the handle to the wrong side of the purse and sew in place securely. Repeat with rem tab.

Button Loop: Ch 51, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off, leaving a long end for sewing. Sew ends together and sew to right side of center back of purse for approximately 1 1/2", leaving loop to go over button. Sew button to center front. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS: ch = chain; cl = cluster; dc = double crochet; dec = decrease; fpdc = front post double; fptr = front post treble; lp = loop; mm = millimeters; pat = pattern; rem = remain (ing); rep = repeat; rnd = round; sc = single crochet; sl = slip; st(s) = stitch (es); yo = yarn over; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times indicated.

Skill Level: Some experience helpful

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