Shell Bracelet Bag

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SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED SIZE
4 ¾ x 9 inches

MATERIALS

• Omega La Espiga #18 crochet nylon (7 oz/197 yds per tube):
  1 tube #17 ecru
• Size G/6/4mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
• Yarn needle
• Sewing needle
• Transparent sewing thread
• Bangle bracelet
• 4mm round natural shells: 42
• 6 x 8-inch lining fabric

GAUGE
4 sc = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.
Join rounds with slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Bobble: [Yo, insert hook in st, yo, draw up a lp, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] 4 times, yo, draw through all 5 lps on hook, ch 1.

Cross-stitch (cross-st): Sk next st, dc in next st, dc in sk st.

Switch hands: This means that a right-handed crocheter crochets with left hand and vice versa.

Lantern button stitch (lantern button st): Leaving a 6-inch length at beg, ch 3, sl st in first ch, ch 2 (first dc), [yo, insert hook in ch lp, yo, draw up a lp, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] 4 times, yo, draw through all 5 lps on hook, ch 1, [yo, insert hook in ch lp, yo, draw up a lp, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] 5 times, yo, draw through all 6 lps on hook, insert hook in ch-1 sp of first dc group, leaving a 7-inch length, fasten off. Insert hook in the middle of this st going from the bottom to the top, hook the 7-inch tail and draw it through to the bottom of the st. Use these tails to firmly tie the button to the purse.

FRONT

Row 1: Ch 21, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. (20 sc)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), bobble (see Special Stitches) in next sc, [sc in next sc, bobble in next sc] 9 times, turn. (20 sts)

Row 3: Switch hands (see Pattern Notes) and ch 1, sc in each st across, do not turn.

Rows 5 & 6: Rep rows 3 and 4.

Row 7: Ch 3, [cross-st (see Special Stitches) in next 2 sts] 10 times, turn. (10 cross-sts)


Row 10: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, do not turn.

Row 11: Rep row 3.

Row 12: Rep row 4, fasten off.

Turn a plain bangle bracelet into a cute little summer bag with some simple crochet and dainty little seashells.
BACK

Row 1: Ch 21, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. (20 sc)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), bobble in next sc, [sc in next sc, bobble in next sc] 9 times, turn. (20 sts)

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each st across, do not turn.

Row 4: Switch hands, ch 1, sc in each st across, do not turn.

Row 5: Switch hands, ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 6: Ch 3, [cross-st in next 2 sts] 10 times, turn. (10 cross-sts)

Rows 7 & 8: Rep row 6.

Row 9: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, do not turn.

Row 10: Rep row 3.

Row 11: Rep row 4, fasten off.

Thread yarn needle with 24-inch length of crochet nylon, matching sts, sew down side, across bottom and up opposite side edge, leaving top open, secure and fasten off.

BRACELET

Rnd 1: Attach crochet nylon, to bracelet, insert hook into bracelet, yo, draw up a lp, ch 1, sc around bracelet (see illustration), sc over bracelet until totally covered with sc, turn.

Row 2: Now working in rows, ch 1, sc in each of next 8 sts, leaving rem sts unworked. (9 sc)

Rnd 3: Now working in rnds, ch 3, working in back lps (see Stitch Guide) only, dc in each of next 8 sts, turn and, working in rem lps of row 2, dc in each of next 9 sts, join (see Pattern Notes) in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (18 dc)

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in each of next 5 sc, 8 sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in each of next 5 sc, fasten off. (18 sc)

BUTTON

Work lantern button st (see Special Stitches) and sew to Bag Front row centered near top (see photo).

SHELLS

Working in lps of sc of rnd 1 of Bracelet, keeping the thread as invisible as possible, work around underneath the top lps of sc and bring the needle between the lps up through the center of the sc, through the hole in the shell, back down between the lps and underneath the yarn to the next sc lps, continue around rnd 1 of Bracelet.

LINING

With RS tog, fold fabric in half to make 4 x 6-inch rectangle, stitch ¼-inch seam down each 4-inch side. To form the box shape at bottom, stitch across ends of the side seams perpendicular to each seam about ½ inch up from bottom of the lining. Clip off the point. At the top of the purse, fold over ½-inch seam allowance. Place lining in the purse with RS showing in the Bag. With sewing needle and thread, sew lining in place around top edge of Bag.

Pass button through button-hole.
STITCH ABBREVIATIONS

beg .......................... begin/begins/beginning
bpdc .......................... back post double crochet
bpsc .......................... back post single crochet
bptr .......................... back post treble crochet
cc .......................... color change
ch(s) .......................... chain(s)
ch-sp(s) .......................... chain space(s)
cl(s) .......................... cluster(s)
cm .......................... centimeter(s)
dc .......................... double crochet (plural)
dc dec .......................... double crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
dtr .......................... double treble crochet
ext .......................... extended
fpdc .......................... front post double crochet
fp-tr .......................... front post treble crochet
fptr .......................... front post treble crochet
g .......................... gram(s)
inc .......................... increase/increases/increasing
lp(s) .......................... loop(s)
MC .......................... main color
mm .......................... millimeter(s)
oz .......................... ounce(s)
pc .......................... popcorn(s)
rem .......................... remain/remaining
rep(s) .......................... repeat(s)
rnd(s) .......................... round(s)
rs .......................... right side
sc .......................... single crochet (singular/plural)
sct .......................... single crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
sl st(s) .......................... slip stitch(es)
sp(s) .......................... space(s)/spaced
sts(s) .......................... stitches
st(s) .......................... stitch(es)
tog .......................... together
tr .......................... treble crochet
trtr .......................... triple treble
tw .......................... wrong side
yd(s) .......................... yard(s)
yo .......................... yarn over

YARN CONVERSION

OUNCES TO GRAMS

1 .......................... 28.4
2 .......................... 56.7
3 .......................... 85.0
4 .......................... 113.4

GRAMS TO OUNCES

25 .......................... 1
40 .......................... 1 1/2
50 .......................... 1 3/4
100 .......................... 3 1/2

UNITED STATES

sl st (slip stitch) = sc (single crochet)
sc (single crochet) = dc (double crochet)
hdc (half double crochet) = htr (half treble crochet)
dc (double crochet) = tr (treble crochet)
tr (treble crochet) = dtr (double treble crochet)
dtr (double treble crochet) = sk (skip)

UNITED KINGDOM

Example of 2-sc dec
Example of 2-hdc dec
Example of 2-dc dec
Example of 2-tr dec

Single crochet decrease (sc dec): 
(Insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.

Half double crochet decrease (hdc dec): 
(You, insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.

Double crochet decrease (dc dec): 
(You, insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.

Treble crochet decrease (tr dec): 
(You, insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.

Reverse single crochet (reverse sc): 
Ch 1, sk first st, working from left to right, insert hook in next st from front to back, draw up lp on hook, yo, and draw through both lps on hook.

Front loop (front lp)

Back loop (back lp)

Front post stitch (fp)

Back post stitch (bp)

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