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Tapestry WALLET

Best thing about tapestry crochet? You can go crazy with color because you have just a few ends to weave in. Now that you know the basics, try out this wallet.

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What You'll Need

YARN

AUNT LYDIA'S Fashion Crochet Thread, Size 3, each ball approx 150yd/137m (cotton)

- 1 ball #871 Plum (A)
- 1 ball #625 Sage (B)
- 1 ball #423 Maize (C)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size 1 (2.25mm) steel crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch marker
- Invisible sewing thread
- Sewing needle
- Zipper, 6"/15cm long
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate

1 2 3 4

the yarn

Fashion Crochet Thread #3 in Plum



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Wallet Approx 6"/15cm wide x 4.25"/11cm high

GAUGE

38 sts and 32 = 4"/10cm over single crochet worked with tapestry crochet technique.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTES

1 The wallet is worked in a continuous spiral. Do not join and do not turn at the

end of rounds. Place a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of the round, moving the marker up as each round is completed.

2 To change color, work the last stitch of the old color to the last yarn over; yarn over with the new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete the stitch. Now use the new color as the working strand and include the old color in the carried strands.

3 There is no need to weave in loose ends, because they are carried.

4 The wallet can be made by following the written instructions or working from the chart. The chart is for right-handed crocheters. Left-handed crocheters should look at the reversed image in a mirror.

5 To use the chart, first work Rounds 1 and 2 as written below. Then work Rounds 3 through 36 according to the chart. Take care when working Rounds 8, 13, 19, 24, and 30. When only 12 more sts need to be worked in these rounds, cut the color being carried and begin carrying the new color that will be needed in the next round. Each square in the chart represents a stitch worked with the indicated color. Read each row of the chart from right to left, and repeat the pattern shown in each row a total of 19 times around.

WALLET

With A, leaving a 10"/25.5cm beginning tail, ch 57.

Round 1 With A, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 55 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working across opposite side of foundation ch and carrying the tail, sc in next 54 ch, 2 sc in last ch—114 sc.

Note To carry the tail, hold it against the foundation ch, and work the sc over the tail to cover and encase the tail.

Stop carrying tail.

Round 2 Leaving a 4"/10cm tail, begin carrying B; with A sc in each sc around.

Note Continue to carry color not in use under the working strand throughout.

Round 3 [With B sc in next sc, with A sc in next 5 sc] 19 times.

Round 4 [With B sc in next 2 sc, with A sc in next 4 sc] 19 times.

Round 5 [With B sc in next 3 sc, with

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A sc in next 3 sc] 19 times.

Round 6 [With B sc in next 4 sc, with A sc in next 2 sc] 19 times.

Round 7 [With B sc in next 5 sc, with A sc in next sc] 19 times.

Note From here on, do not leave a beginning tail when you begin carrying a new color.

Round 8 Continue to carry A; with B sc in next 102 sc, cut A, begin to carry C, with B sc in next 12 sc.

Rounds 9–12 [With C sc in next 2 sc, with B sc in next 2 sc, with C sc in next 2 sc] 19 times.

Round 13 Continue to carry C; with B sc in next 102 sc, cut C, begin to carry A, with B sc in next 12 sc.

Round 14 [With A sc in next sc, with B sc in next 5 sc] 19 times.

Round 15 [With A sc in next 2 sc, with B sc

in next 4 sc] 19 times.

Round 16 [With A sc in next 3 sc, with B sc in next 3 sc] 19 times.

Round 17 [With A sc in next 4 sc, with B sc in next 2 sc] 19 times.

Round 18 [With A sc in next 5 sc, with B sc in next sc] 19 times.

Round 19 Continue to carry B; with A sc in next 102 sc, cut B, begin to carry C, with A sc in next 12 sc.

Rounds 20–23 [With C sc in next 2 sc, with A sc in next 2 sc, with C sc in next 2 sc] 19 times.

Round 24 Continue to carry C; with A sc in next 102 sc, cut C, begin to carry B, with A sc in next 12 sc.

Rounds 25–34 Repeat Rounds 3–12.

Round 35 Continue to carry C, with B sc in each sc around.

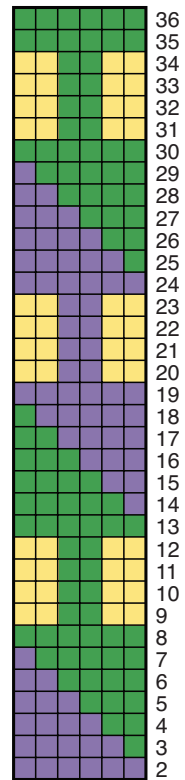
Round 36 Continue to carry C, with B sc in each sc around, cut C, with B sl st in next st, cut B, leaving a 10"/25.5cm tail.

Use a crochet hook to work tail of B under top loops of sts of last round. Block with a steam iron.

FINISHING

If bottom of wallet is too wide, pull on the A-colored and B-colored tails in the bottom of the wallet to cinch, then tie tails together. Cut ends of A-colored and B-colored tails. Install zipper following instructions below. 🌀

STITCH DIAGRAM



CHART

CHART KEY

■ = sc in A
■ = sc in B
■ = sc in C

Tips for Installing a Zipper

If your zipper is too long, sew back and forth to create a "lock" where needed, as illustrated. Cut off the lower portion of the zipper, leaving a

.75"/2cm piece below the sewn lock. Keeping the zipper closed, pin it in place along one side of the project, thread a needle or sewing machine with invisible thread, sew pinned side of zipper into the project, secure the seam,

then cut the threads. Open the zipper, pin the other side in place (sticking the ends of the zipper into the project and making sure the zipper will line up correctly when closed), then sew that side into the project.

