



# The Isabeau Purse

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## Materials:

“Cotonina” by Miss Helen (60% cotton, 40% acrylic, 50g = 110m/120 yds), in beige, 1 skein

**OR Suggested substitutes:** "Wellness" by Gedifra, "All seasons cotton" by Rowan

Knitting Needles: US8 (5mm) (+ optional: US 6 (4 mm) circulars to pick up stitches.)

H/8 crochet hook

Darning needle 1 mid size button Leftover lining fabric + matching sewing thread.

**Level of difficulty:** easy challenge

**Gauge:** 18 stitches and 21 rows to 4"/10cm over stockinette st. on US 8 (5mm) needles.

## Abbreviations and Stitch Instructions:

Lace pattern: Right side rows: k1, yo, k2, k2tog, skp, k2, yo / Wrong side rows: Purl.

CO= cast on BO= bind off

Incl= k and p into the same stitch yo= yarn over

st=stitch

k2tog= knit 2 stitches together

RS= right side of work

WS= wrong side of work

skp= slip one stitch, knit one stitch, pass slipped stitch over

LR = one repeat of the lace pattern (=\* k1, yo, k2, k2tog, skp, k2, yo\*)

Garner stitch= knit every row

Seed stitch= on an even number of stitches: RS=\*k, p\*; WS=\*p, k\* / on an odd number of stitches: \*k, p\*, k on all rows

Single crochet= Insert hook into an edge stitch, yarn over hook and draw a loop through stitch, yarn over hook and draw it through both loops on hook

Slip Stitch (crochet)= Insert hook into stitch, yarn over hook and draw loop through stitch and loop on hook.

Slip stitch crochet seam= Make a slipknot and place it on a crochet hook. \*Insert hook through both pieces of fabric one stitch in from selvedge, wrap yarn around hook to make a loop, pull this loop back through the fabric and through loop already on the hook. Repeat from \*.

## Instructions:

### Body of the bag

Cast on 30 St on US 8 (5 mm) needles.

Row 1 to 4: k

Row 5 (RS): k1, \* 3LR\*, k2

Row 6 (WS): p

Repeat rows 5 & 6 until row 21 (right side row)

Row 22 to 26: k. (ending with wrong side row)

Next, work 16 rows in seed stitch, (ending with wrong side row)

Then 4 rows of garter stitch (ending with wrong side row)

Next, work 17 rows in lace pattern: k1, \* 3LR\*, k2 the RS rows; purl WS rows (ending with a RS row)

End with 4 rows of garter stitch. Bind Off.

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## Sides of bag (make 2)

*when picking up stitches, always start working with right side up/facing you.*

Pick up 15 st. alongside the seed stitch rectangle section (which will be the bottom of purse).

Row 1 to 4: k (row 1 is a right side row.)

Rows 5 to 21: work in seed stitch, decreasing 1 st. at each end of (RS) rows 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 . You now have 5 st.

Row 22 to 26: k.

Bind off.

Work other side of bag likewise.

Block piece. Then using bag as a template, and leaving about .5 inch (1 cm) all around as selvedge, cut lining.

### Join sides of bag

Using the crochet hook, join sides of purse using single crochet making sure you work on RS of work ( so that “seams” are apparent).

## Purse strap

Pick up 9 st above seed stitch side sections of purse (you’ll be picking up 5 st. on side section, plus 2 on each side so that the weight of the purse is more evenly distributed). Start with RS of purse facing you. The strap will be knit in reverse/wrong sided stockinette st.

**NB : RS of bag=WS of strap!**

Row 1: p

Row 2: k2tog, k till last 2 st., k2tog

Continue as established on those 7 st. in “reverse stockinette” until the strap is 6 ¾” (17 cm) long, ending with a strap-RS row.

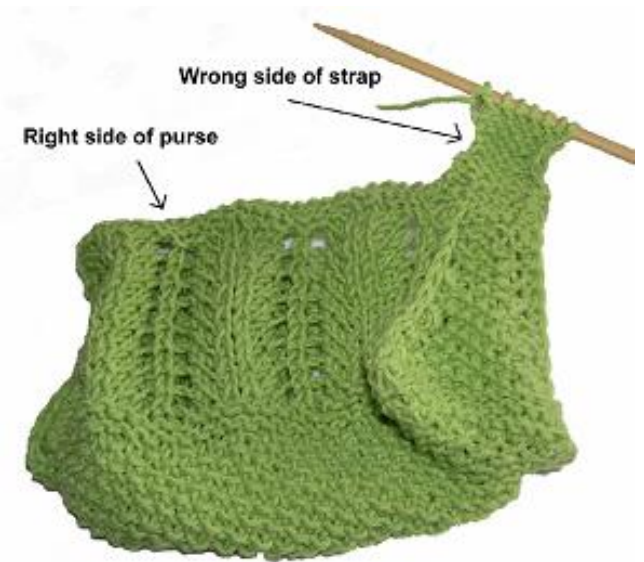
Next row (WS): inc1, k5, inc1 You now have 9 st.

Next row (RS): p

Bind off. Do not cut yarn.

Join end of strap to opposite side of bag with crochet hook using slip st crochet seam. Do not cut yarn. Still with the crochet hook, go up the strap about ¾” (1 cm) using slip st.

Then join sides of strap using single crochet making sure the RIGHT SIDE of stockinette stitch will be outside/visible. Stop about ¾” (1 cm) before end of strap. Bind off.



## Buttonhole strap

Pick up 8 st. just above the 8 middle st. of the middle lace pattern repeat. Start with right side of purse facing you.

Row 1: k (RS)

Row 2: k2, p4, k2

Repeat those 2 rows twice, ending with row 6, a wrong side row.

Row 7: k3, BO2, k3

Row 8: k2, p1, CO2 (purl those 2 st), p1, k2

Row 9 (RS): k2tog, k4, k2tog

Row 10: k2tog, p2, k2tog

Row 11: k2tog, k2tog. Bind off.

## Finishing :

Weave in all ends. Block. Assemble lining, put in place inside purse and sew in place. Sew button on opposite side of closure strap.

**NB. Tutorial for Single Crochet Seam + Pattern for Tote and Handbag versions of this purse :** <http://chezplum.com>

