Not a Swatch Purse

This piece started out as a swatch for the stitch library and ended up as a purse - or a big swatch depending on your point of view.

Elegant enough for an evening out on the town but plain enough to use every day, this purse is the perfect companion to any outfit.

Sizes and Materials List ...

Size:	Model is 9.5"x7" without handles
Hook(s):	US H/8 (5.00 mm)
Yarn:	Bernat Handicrafter Cotton [100%, 80 yds/50 g skein/ball]
Colors & Approx. Yardage	Jute, 160 yds (yardage varies depending on size of finished purse)
Notions:	Yarn Needle 1/2 yd cotton material for lining Scissors Needle and thread
Gauge:	Gauge is not important for this project.

EASY

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Notes ...

Construction	Increase or decrease size by adding an even number of sts to ensure there are an odd number of sts. This purse is lined so the sts are a little loose, but if you'd like tighter sts, use a G/6 (4.00 mm) or a 7 (4.50 mm) hook making sure to add 4-6 sts to the fsc.
Stitches Used	Chain (ch) Slip Stitch (sl st) Single Crochet (sc) Single Crochet 2 Together (sc2tog) Foundation Single Crochet (fsc) Double Crochet (dc)
Abbreviations	Each (ea) Skip (sk) Stitch(es) (st / sts)

Instructions ...

Base

Base Chain	Fsc 37.
Round 1	Ch 1, sc in first st and in ea st to end, 3 sc in end st turning piece as you go (pm in second st), sc in ea st along other side of piece, 3 sc in end st (pm in second st), join with sl st in first sc. (81 sc)
Round 2	Ch 1, sc in first sc and in ea sc around to marked st, 2 sc in marked st and continue with sc in ea sc around to marked st, 2 sc in marked st, join with sl st in first sc. (83 sc)
Round 3	Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in ea sc around, join with sl st in first sc.

Sides

Round 4	Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining, pm in first sc, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc,* rep from * to * around to last sc before marker. Do not join.
Rounds 5-25	Ch 1, sk marked sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc,* rep from * to * around, working in the round as you go. Move marker up as you go, adjusting as needed to keep the marker at the side of the purse.

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Band

Round 26	Sc in ea sc and ch-1 sp around.
Round 27	Fold purse in half with marked st at side at one fold. Place marker at opposite side on the fold. Refold the purse so the two marked sts are in the center and mark the front and back centers of the purse. Place additional markers between ea of the four markers already placed for a total of eight markers. Sc2tog, *sc in ea sc to next marker, sc2tog,* rep from * to * around moving the markers up as you go. Do not join.
Round 28	Rep round 27 but this time, place the sc2tog between ea set of two markers

Strap 1 Base

Row 1	Remove all markers on the front and back leaving only the two markers at the side folds. Starting at the first side marker, sc in next 8 sc, sc2tog.
Row 2	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 15 sc, sc2tog.
Row 3	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in ea sc across handle to last 2 sc, sc2tog.
Rows 4+	Rep row 3 until only 3 sts remain.

Strap 2 Base

Row 1	On the other side of the purse, count 10 sts to the right from the marked side st and join with sl st, sc2tog, sc in next 17sts, sc2tog.
Row 2	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc across row 1 to last 2 sts, sc2tog.
Row 3+	Rep row 2 until only 3 sts remain.
Row 4	Ch 1, turn, sc3tog.

Strap (18" or 30")

Row 1	Ch 54 (90), join with sl st to opposite strap base, ch 1, turn, sc3tog, ch 1, sc in ea ch of the strap, join with sl st to strap base on other side of purse.

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Row 2	Ch 1, turn, sc around the strap, pulling the sts down as needed to compact them and hide the strap sts, at the other end, join with sc to top of strap base. Fasten off.

Closure

Row 1	Decide which side of the purse will be the back and mark the center back. Attach yarn with sc to third st to the right of the center mark, sc in next 6 sts. (7 sc)
Row 2	Ch 1, turn, sc in ea sc across. (7 sc)
Rows 3-14	Rep row 2.
Row 15	Ch 1, turn, sc in first 2 sc, ch 6, sk 3 sc, sc in last 2 sc.
Row 16	Ch 1, turn, sc in first 2 sc, 4 sc in ch-6 sp, sc in last 2 sc. (8 sc)
Row 17	Ch 1, turn, sc in ea sc across. Fasten off. (8 sc)

Button

Round 1	With magic circle and leaving a 6" tail, ch 1, 10 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join, pull tail to close the hole.
Round 2	Ch 1, sc in ea sc around, join with sl st to first sc.
Round 3	Ch 1, sc2tog five times, make sure button is right side out, stuff tail inside button and sc2tog at least twice more. Fasten off leaving a 10-12" tail.
Attaching	With yarn needle, weave tail through end sts and pull to tighten. Fold closure down over front of purse and mark location of button. Attach button securely with tail.

Finishing ...

Weave in ends. Line purse as needed. A simple and quick lining can be made following these instructions at [Hello Knitty](#).

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