Granny Square Purse with Beads
Free Crochet Pattern

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MATERIALS: 3-2 oz. balls Lily brand Sugar ‘n Cream 4 ply cotton in Potpourri Ombre color, size E hook or hook to obtain gauge, about 400 large multi color (blue, amber, clear, burgundy, light green, etc.) glass beads, needle large enough to take yarn and beads, 4-10 yd reels 1/4” wide burgundy ribbon, smaller needle to take ribbon, 1/4 yard fabric to match or contrast yarn, needle and thread, and one large snap for purse.

FINISHED SIZE: Purse is 9” X 12”  
Gauge: 1 sq. = 4-1/2”

Please note: Glass beads aren’t consistent in diameter, so take time now to go through and separate the beads into two containers. Using your largest needle (one to take both bead and yarn) test each bead to whether it will slide over needle or not. The ones that will you use in the blocks. The ones that won’t you will use to thread onto the ribbon.

BASIC FULL BLOCK:
With large needle string 16 beads randomly onto yarn. Remove needle and with size E hook ch-6, sl st to form a ring.

RND 1: Ch-3, work 15 dc in ring, sl st top beg ch-3, do not turn.
RND 2: Ch-5, * slide a bead down, dc next st, ch-2, * rep bet ** around, slide last bead, sl st 3rd ch of beg ch-5, turn.
RND 3: Sl st to 1st ch-2 sp, ch-3, 2 dc same sp as beg ch-3, * ch-1, 3 dc next ch-2 sp, * rep bet ** around, ch-1, sl st top beg ch-3, do not turn.
RND 4: Sl st next 2 sts, ch-1, sc in next ch-1 sp. * Ch-6, sc next ch-1 sp, (ch-3, sc next ch-1 sp) 3 times, * rep bet ** 3 times, ch-6, sc next ch-1 sp, rep bet () twice, ch-3, sl st top beg sc, do not turn.
RND 5: Sl st to next ch-6 sp, ch-3, (3 dc, ch-2, 4 dc) same sp, *[3 dc next ch-3 sp] 3 times], (4 dc, ch-2, 4 dc) next ch-6 sp, * rep bet ** 3 times, rep bet [] once, sl st top beg ch-3, fasten off.

Make 15 large blocks. With yarn and needle, sew blocks into rows of three. Sew these rows tog to make the body of the purse. Using the purse as a pattern cut out the lining material. Fold under 1/4” on all sides of the fabric for a hem, press. Pin wrong sides tog and with needle and thread sew. Fold two rows of three up and sew at the sides. This forms the body of the purse. Fold the last row down for the flap. Sew large snap to center front to close purse.

In every other st across the bottom of the top, cut a 12” length of ribbon. Fold ribbon in half, using crochet hook, pull center lp through st, remover hook, thread ribbon ends through this lp and pull tightly. Rep as above for threading on three beads to ea ribbon end.

PURSE STRAP:
ROW 1: With yarn and E hook ch-7, dc 3rd ch from hook, dc ea ch across, ch-1, turn. (5 sts)
ROW 2: Dc ea st across, ch-1, turn.
Rep row 2 until desired length or remainder of the yarn.
Sew strap to inside at ea side of purse.

Abbreviations Used In This Pattern  
Ch = Chain  
St = Stitch  
Sl St = Slip Stitch  
Sc = Single Crochet  
Hdc = Half Double Crochet  
Dc = Double Crochet  
Rnd = Round  
Beg = Beginning  
Rep = Repeat  
Bet = Between  
Sk = Skip  
Dec = Decrease  
Ea = Each  
Tog = Together

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