Beaded amulet purse

US terms



Finished size

About 2 in (5 cm) wide and 3 in (7.5 cm) tall, without the fringe, on a cord about 28¼ in (71.5 cm) long

Skill

Intermediate

It is single crochet in rounds with beads strung on the yarn first, and a fringe sewn with a needle.

Yarn

Super fine (1)

Hook

2.25 mm (US B-1)

Gauge

26 stitches and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn: ivory, super fine (1) **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: glass seed beads size 6 (about 4 mm across), with holes that the yarn goes through: about 180 turquoise and 90 copper, a needle fine enough for the beads, with a little sewing thread, strong beading thread, about 3 yd (2.7 m), for the fringe, a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch
rnd	round
WS	wrong side

Special stitches

tb (Turquoise bead single crochet): Slide a turquoise bead up the yarn until it lies against the stitch just worked, then work an sc in the stitch named with the bead held behind it, so that it stays on the side away from you. It counts as 1 stitch.

cb (Copper bead single crochet): Slide a copper bead up the yarn until it lies against the stitch just worked, then work an sc in the stitch named with the bead held behind it, so that it stays on the side away from you. It counts as 1 stitch.

Gauge

26 stitches and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

It is close for so thin a yarn: the beads need firm stitches.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 10 the purse should measure about 4 in (10 cm) around, laid flat and not stretched, measured across and doubled. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Before you start

- String the beads of the purse first, 56 turquoise and 60 copper. Fold a bit of sewing thread in half through the end of the yarn, put both ends of the thread in the needle, and slide the beads over it onto the yarn. The bead strung last is used first, so string them from the top of the purse down, in this order: for round 21: 6 copper, and the same again; for round 18: 3 copper, and the same again; for round 17: 1 copper, 1 turquoise, 2 copper, 1 turquoise, 2 copper, 1 turquoise, 1 copper, and the same again; for round 16: 3 copper, and the same again; for round 13: 1 turquoise, and the same again; for round 12: 2 turquoise, and the same again; for round 11: 1 turquoise, 1 copper, 1 turquoise, and the same again; for round 10: 1 turquoise, 2 copper, 1 turquoise, and the same again; for round 9: 1 turquoise, 1 copper, 1 turquoise, 1 copper, 1 turquoise, and the same again; for round 8: 1 turquoise, 1 copper, 3 turquoise, 1 copper, 1 turquoise, and the same again; for round 7: 1 turquoise, 1 copper, 1 turquoise, 1 copper, 1 turquoise, and the same again; for round 6: 1 turquoise, 2 copper, 1 turquoise, and the same again; for round 5: 1 turquoise, 1 copper, 1 turquoise, and the same again; for round 4: 2 turquoise, and the same again; for round 3: 1 turquoise, and the same again. Push them along the yarn, away from the hook, and draw one up when its stitch comes.
- Round 1 is worked along both sides of the foundation chain: along one side, 2 stitches in the last chain, then back along the other side, the last stitch in the same chain as the first stitch of the round. That chain is the closed base of the purse. Slide the first beads down the yarn, out of the way, until round 3.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- The side that faces you as you work is the inside, the wrong side: the beads lie on the side away from you. Half way up, or at the end, turn the purse so that the beads are outside. If you turn it before the end, turn it back to go on.

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- In every stitch of the purse lay the hook over the yarn when you draw up its first loop (yarn under). The stitches then stand nearly straight above each other, and the diamonds lean less.
- Each bead stitch takes one bead. Keep the stitches close: a loose stitch lets its bead slip through to the other side.

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 14.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (WS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 11 chs, 2 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 12 chs	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, tb in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc, 2 tb)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, tb in next st, sc in next st, tb in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(22 sc, 4 tb)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, tb in next st, sc in next st, cb in next st, sc in next st, tb in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc, 4 tb, 2 cb)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, tb in next st, sc in next st, cb in next st, sc in next st, cb in next st, sc in next st, tb in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc, 4 tb, 4 cb)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, tb in next st, sc in next st, cb in next st, sc in next st, tb in next st, sc in next st, cb in next st, sc in next st, tb in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc, 6 tb, 4 cb)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next st, tb in next st, sc in next st, cb in next st, sc in next st, tb in next 3 sts, sc in next st, cb in next st, sc in next st, tb in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc, 10 tb, 4 cb)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, tb in next st, sc in next st, cb in next st, sc in next st, tb in next st, sc in next st, cb in next st, sc in next st, tb in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc, 6 tb, 4 cb)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, tb in next st, sc in next st, cb in next st, sc in next st, cb in next st, sc in next st, tb in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc, 4 tb, 4 cb)**

Stop and measure now, after round 10. The purse should measure about 4 in (10 cm) around, which is 2 in (5 cm) laid flat.

☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, tb in next st, sc in next st, cb in next st, sc in next st, tb in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc, 4 tb, 2 cb)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, tb in next st, sc in next st, tb in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(22 sc, 4 tb)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, tb in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc, 2 tb)**
☐ **Rnds 14 to 15**	Sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 15: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, cb in next st, sc in next 3 sts, cb in next st, sc in next 3 sts, cb in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc, 6 cb)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in next st, cb in next st, tb in next st, cb in next st, sc in next st, cb in next st, tb in next st, cb in next st, sc in next st, cb in next st, tb in next st, cb in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc, 12 cb, 6 tb)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, cb in next st, sc in next 3 sts, cb in next st, sc in next 3 sts, cb in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc, 6 cb)**
☐ **Rnds 19 to 20**	Sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**

A box for each round, 19 to 20: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**Sc in next st, cb in next st**] 6 times**, sc in next 2 sts, **[**cb in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(14 sc, 12 cb)**
☐ **Rnds 22 to 23**	Sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 23: tick them off as you go.

22 23

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Assembly

1. Turn the purse right side out, the beads outside. Press it flat so that a large diamond lies in the middle of the front and another in the middle of the back; the foundation chain is the lower edge, with 13 chains from corner to corner. Weave in the two tails inside.

2. The fringe. It has 13 strands, one from each chain of the lower edge. The strands have 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 and 6 beads, counted from one corner to the other: turquoise, then 1 copper, then 1 turquoise at the tip, so the first strand is 4 turquoise, 1 copper, 1 turquoise. Take the beading thread single on a fine needle, about 2 yd (2 m) at a time, and fasten it inside the purse at one lower corner with 3 small stitches. Bring the needle out through the first chain, thread the beads of the strand, pass over the last bead, the tip, and go back up through all the others and through the same chain to the inside. Draw the thread up until the strand hangs close, not stiff. Go to the next chain inside and work the next strand in the same way. Fasten the thread inside with 3 small stitches when it runs short and at the end.

3. The neck cord. With a tail of 8 in (20 cm) ch 230, turn, slip stitch (UK ss) in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each of the next 228 chs, and fasten off with a tail of 8 in (20 cm): a cord about 28¼ in (71.5 cm) long, with both tails at the same end. Lay about ½ in (1.5 cm) of the end with the tails inside the purse at one side fold, against rounds 20 to 23, and sew it down with one tail, 8 small stitches through the inside of the purse. Weave in both tails inside. The other end has no tail: lay ½ in (1.5 cm) of it inside the purse at the other side fold, against the same rounds, with the cord not twisted, and sew it down with a length of yarn 16 in (40.5 cm) long, 8 small stitches, both ends of the length woven in inside. Put on over the head, the top of the purse hangs about 14 in (35.5 cm) below the back of the neck; for a longer or shorter cord work more or fewer chains, about 8 to 1 in (2.5 cm).

Finishing

- Trim the ends of thread inside. Lay the purse flat and pull the strands of the fringe straight.

In all: 23 rounds.

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