

# posh purse

## what you'll need

### YARN

TLC *Essentials*, 6oz/170g skeins, each approx 312yds/385m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #2332 Linen

### CROCHET HOOK

- Size 1/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

### NOTIONS

- Coats and Clark Invisible Zipper 12-14"/30.5-35.5cm
- Sewing thread to match
- Sewing needle
- 12"/30.5cm roped purse handle (HandleExpo.com)
- Yarn needle

## the yarn



Accessorize in high style with this trendy little tote.

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**SKILL LEVEL:** experienced

### finished measurements

Approx 4"/10cm high x 9½"/24cm wide x 2"/5cm deep

### gauge

14 sts and 18 rows = 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm using size 1/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook.

Gauge is not critical for this project!

### how to make a gauge swatch

Ch 15.

**Row 1** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 14 sc.

**Rows 2 and 3** Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

**Row 4** Ch 1, turn, sc in first 2 sc, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc] 3 times – 3 ruffles and 11 sc.

**Row 5** Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc and first ch of each ruffle across – 14 sc.

**Row 6** Repeat Row 4.

**Rows 7-18** Repeat Rows 5 and 6 six more times.

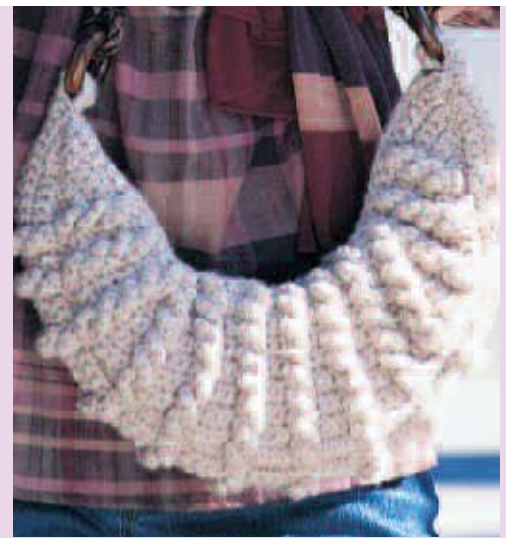
Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

### notes

**1** Front and Back panels are semicircular. Each measures approx 4"/10cm deep x 9½"/24cm wide.

**2** Side gusset is a long strip with tapered ends. Gusset measures approx 25"/63.5cm long x 2"/5cm wide (at widest point).

**3** To work a sc into a ruffSt, work the sc into a free loop of the first ch of the ruffle.



### FRONT AND BACK PANEL (make 2)

Beginning at top opening, ch 44.

**Row 1** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 11 ch, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 17 ch, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 12 ch – 45 sc.

**Rows 2 and 3** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first sc, sc in next 12 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 17 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 12 sc, sl st in last sc – 45 sc.

**Row 4** (right side) Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first sc, sc in next 4 sc, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice, ruffSt over next sc, 2 sc in next sc, ruffSt in same sc as last ruffSt, [sc in next 2 sc, ruffSt over next sc] 6 times, 2 sc in next sc, ruffSt in same sc as last ruffSt, [sc in next 2 sc, ruffSt over next sc] twice, sc in next 4 sc, sl st in next sc – 13 ruffles and 32 sc.

**Row 5** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first sc, sc in each st across to last sc, sl st in last sc – 43 sc.

**Row 6** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first sc, sc in next 2 sc, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 3 times, sl st in next sc – 13 ruffles and 30 sc.

**Row 7** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first sc, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] twice, sl st in last sc – 45 sc.

**Row 8** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 2 sc, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc] 3 times, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 4 times, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc] 3 times, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 2 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next sc, sl st in last sc – 13 ruffles and 31 sc.

**Row 9** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first sc, sl st in first ruffSt, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in

## Abbreviations used in this pattern

**ch** chain  
**sc** single crochet  
**sk** skip  
**sl st** slip stitch  
**st(s)** stitch(es)

[ ] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

### special abbreviations

**FPslst** (front post sl st) Insert hook around indicated st from front to back to front, yarn over and draw loop around st and through loop on hook.

**ruffSt** (ruffle stitch) Ch 4, FPslst around indicated st 3 rows below, turn, sc in each ch of beginning ch-4, turn, sk sc behind ruffle (ruffle made).

next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, sl st in next st; leave last sc unworked – 44 sc.

**Row 10** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 4 sc, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc] twice, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc] twice, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 4 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next sc, sl st in last sc – 11 ruffles and 31 sc.

**Row 11** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first sc, sl st in first ruffSt, sl st in next sc, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, sl st in next sc; leave last 2 sc unworked – 38 sc.

**Row 12** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 4 sc, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 4 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next sc, sl st in last sc – 9 ruffles and 27 sc.

**Row 13** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first sc, sl st in first ruffSt, sl st in next sc, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, sl st in next sc; leave last 2 sc unworked – 32 sc.

**Row 14** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first 2 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 4 sc, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc] twice, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 4 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next sc, sl st in next sc; leave last sc unworked – 7 ruffles and 21 sc.

**Row 15** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first sc, sl st in first ruffSt, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, sl st in next sc; leave last ruffSt unworked – 26 sc.

**Row 16** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first 2 sc, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 4 sc] 4 times, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next sc, sl st in next sc; leave last sc unworked – 5 ruffles and 17 sc.

**Row 17** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first sc, sl st in first ruffSt, sc in next 18 sts, sl st in next sc; leave last ruffSt unworked – 18 sc.

**Row 18** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first 3 sc, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 4 sc] twice, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next sc, sl st in next sc; leave last 2 sc unworked – 3 ruffles and 9 sc.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

## SIDE GUSSET

Ch 88.

**Row 1** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 87 sc.

**Rows 2 and 3** Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

**Row 4** (right side) Turn, sl st in first 7 sc, sc in next 9 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 2 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 4 sc] 8 times, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 2 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 9 sc, sl st in next sc; leave last 6 sc unworked – 13 ruffles and 60 sc.

**Row 5** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first 3 sc, sc in each st across to last 3 sc, sl st in next sc; leave last 2 sc unworked – 67 sc.

**Row 6** Turn, sk sl st, sl st in first 3 sc, sc in next 3 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 2 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc, [ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 4 sc] 8 times, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 2 sc, ruffSt over next sc, sc in next 3 sc, sl st in next sc; leave last 2 sc unworked – 13 ruffles and 48 sc.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

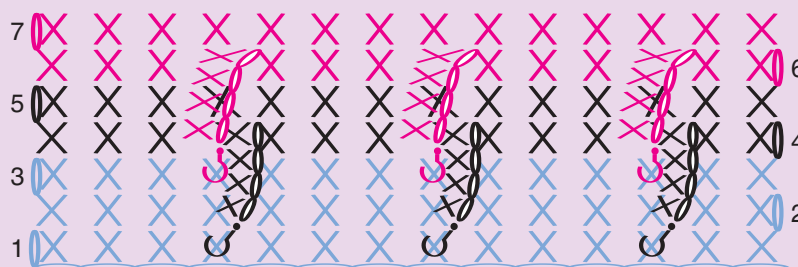
**Row 7** With right side facing and working in free loops of foundation ch, sk first 6 ch, join yarn with sl st in next ch, sc in next 9 ch, ruffSt over next ch, sc in next 2 ch, ruffSt over next ch, sc in next 3 ch, [ruffSt over next ch, sc in next 4 ch] 8 times, ruffSt over next ch, sc in next 3 ch, ruffSt over next ch, sc in next 2 ch, ruffSt over next ch, sc in next 9 ch, sl st in next ch; leave remaining ch unworked – 13 ruffles and 60 sc.

**Rows 8 and 9** Repeat rows 5 and 6.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

## finishing

With right sides facing together, pin one long edge of side gusset to lower edge of front panel, taking care to line up ruffles. With I hook, join yarn to one end with sl st. Working through both thicknesses, sl st evenly along edges to form seam. Repeat to attach back panel. Turn purse right side out. With matching sewing thread and needle, sew zipper into top of purse. Slip tapered ends of side gussets through purse handles. Fold over, sew in place with yarn. Weave in all ends. ■



stitch diagram



