

Crocheted pouch

The pouch is crocheted using only single stitch through first loop. You work in round, 140 stitches per round.

Start with a magic loop and work in rounds. Add stitches gradually to create a flat base until you have 140 stitches. Crochet 3 - 4 rounds without increasing, the edges will turn up. Now start with the pattern.

TIP: to change colours smoothly, make a switch at the end of previous stitch. For example switching from black to orange start a single stitch with black yarn, pull the yarn through, switch to orange over hook and pull through both loops with orange yarn.

At the top of the pattern you see black rectangles. These are openings to pull through fastening cord. This is actually done in one row using double stitch (treble). Work 3 double stitches, 4 chains, repeat. You can modify the number of double stitches and chains as you wish, just keep in mind you have 140 stitches per row.

Top row with picot stitch is optional, but I like the look. So I made 3 chains for picot, 2 single stitches.

The birds eyes are little blue beads sewn on at the end.

For twisted cord I used 3 colours used in pattern. First I twisted 2 orange yarns, 2 greens and 2 greys separately clockwise and then all 3 colours together in counterclockwise. It's important to twist firmly! I used a drill, but a friend of mine used hand mixer, so be creative!

To give the pouch a finished look, you need to steam it. This will even out every little inconsistency and gives a unified form. Find something that fits tightly into the pouch, a glass jar for example. Put the jar into the pouch and steam it with an iron. Use just steam, don't put the iron against the pouch. Now let it dry completely, put the cord in place and voilà! you have a pouch for your treasures!

The size of the pouch depends on the materials you use. I used 1,5 mm crochet hook and 2-ply fingering weight yarn. Feel free to use thicker yarn and larger crochet hook.

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