BERNAT   **MERMAID TEARS PURSE** | CROCHET

MATERIALS

Bernat® Super Value™ (7 oz/197 g; 426 yds/389 m)
Main Color (MC) Clay (53041) **1 ball**
Contrast A Bronze (53609)   **1 ball**
Contrast B Rouge (53531)   **1 ball**

Sizes U.S. G/6 (4 mm) and U.S. H/8 (5 mm) crochet hooks **or size needed to obtain gauge.**

ABBREVIATIONS: www.yarnspirations.com/abbreviations

Approx = Approximately	crochet	**Sc** = Single crochet
Beg = Beginning	**Pat** = Pattern	**Sl st** = Slip stitch
Ch = Chain(s)	**Rem** = Remaining	**Sp(s)** = Space(s)
Dc = Double crochet	**Rep** = Repeat	**St(s)** = Stitch(es)
Hdc = Half double	**Rnd(s)** = Round(s)	**Yoh** = Yarn over hook

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MEASUREMENTS

Approx 12″ [30.5 cm] wide and 10″ [33 cm] high, excluding handles.

GAUGE

13 sc and 14 rows = 4″ [10 cm] with larger hook.

INSTRUCTIONS

BAG (See Diagram I on page 3.)
Note: Ch 3 at beg of rnd counts as dc throughout.

With larger hook and MC, ch 84. Join in ring with sl st to first ch, taking care not to twist chain.

1st rnd: (Base rnd). Ch 3. 1 dc in each ch around. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. 84 dc.

2nd rnd: (Tears rnd). Ch 1. *Work 5 dc down post of first dc of previous rnd. Ch 1. Work 5 dc up post of 2nd dc of previous rnd – beg scale st made. Miss next 5 dc. *Work 5 dc down post of next dc of previous rnd. Ch 1. Work 5 dc up post of next dc of previous rnd – scale st made. Miss next 5 dc. Rep from * 11 times more. Join with sl st to ch 1.

3rd rnd: (Base rnd). Sl st to 3rd dc of next missed 5-dc group of previous rnd. Ch 3. 1 dc in same sp as last sl st. *1 dc in each of next 2 dc. 1 dc between 2 dc of scale st. 1 dc in each of next 2 dc.** 2 dc in next dc. Rep from * 11 times more; then rep from * to ** once more. Join with sl st to top of ch 3.

4th rnd: (Tears rnd). Ch 1. Beg scale st. Miss next 5 dc. *Scale st. Miss next 5 dc. Rep from * 11 times more. Join with sl st to ch 1.

Rep 3rd and 4th rnds for pat until work from beg measures approx 8″ [20.5 cm].

Next rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each dc of last base rnd. Join with sl st to first sc. 84 sc. Fasten off.

Bag Edging: With smaller hook, join A with sl st to any sc.

1st rnd: Ch 1. 3 sc in same sp as last sl st. Miss next 2 sc. *3 sc in next sc. Miss next 2 sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st to first sc.

2nd rnd: Sl st in next sc. Ch 1. *3 sc in next sc. Miss next 2 sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st to first sc. Rep last rnd until edging measures 2″ [5 cm]. Fasten off.

HANDLES (make 2).

With larger hook and 2 strands of A, ch 4.

1st rnd: Draw up a loop in 2nd ch from hook. Draw up a loop in each of next 2 ch (4 loops on hook).

2nd rnd: Drop all loops from hook. Pick up last loop worked (4th loop). *Working from right to left,* insert hook in 1st loop (this will cause a circle to form). Yoh and draw through loop. Insert hook into 2nd loop. Yoh and draw through loop. Insert hook into 3rd loop. (4 loops on hook).

Rep last rnd until work from beg measures 18" [45.5 cm] long. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through rem sts and fasten securely.

FLOWER (See Diagram II on page 3).

With larger hook and B, ch 2.

1st rnd: 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with sl st in first sc.

2nd rnd: Ch 1. *Working in front loops only,* 1 sc in first sc. (1 hdc. 2 dc. 1 hdc) in next sc. *1 sc in next sc. (1 hdc. 2 dc. 1 hdc) in next sc. Rep from * once more. **Do not** join with sl st. 3 petals.

3rd rnd: Do not ch 1. *Working in rem back loops of 1st rnd,* 2 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. 12 sc.

4th rnd: Ch 1. *Working in front loops only,* 1 sc in first sc. (1 hdc. 2 dc. 1 hdc) in next sc. *1 sc in next sc. (1 hdc. 2 dc. 1 hdc) in next sc. Rep from * 4 times more. **Do not** join with sl st. 6 petals.

5th rnd: Do not ch 1. *Working in rem back loops of 3rd rnd,* 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in next sc. (2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in next sc) 5 times. Join with sl st to first sc. 18 sc.

6th rnd: Ch 1. *Working in front loops only,* 1 sc in first sc. (1 hdc. 2 dc. 1 hdc) in next sc. *1 sc in next sc. (1 hdc. 2 dc. 1 hdc) in next sc. Rep from * 7 times more. **Do not** join with sl st. 9 petals.

7th rnd: Do not ch 1. *Working in rem back loops of 5th rnd,* 2 sc first sc. 1 sc in each of next 2 sc. (2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 2 sc) 5 times. Join with sl st to first sc. 24 sc.

8th rnd: Ch 1. *Working in front loops only,* 1 sc in first sc. (1 hdc. 2 dc. 1 hdc) in next sc. *1 sc in next sc. (1 hdc. 2 dc. 1 hdc) in next sc. Rep from * 10 times more. **Do not** join with sl st. 12 petals.

9th rnd: Do not ch 1. *Working in rem back loops of 7th rnd,* 2 sc first sc. 1 sc in each of next 3 sc. (2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 3 sc) 5 times. Join with sl st to first sc. 30 sc.

10th rnd: Ch 1. *Working in front loops only,* 1 sc in first sc. (1 hdc. 2 dc. 1 hdc) in next sc. *1 sc in next sc. (1 hdc. 2 dc. 1 hdc) in next sc. Rep from * 13 times more. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off. 15 petals.
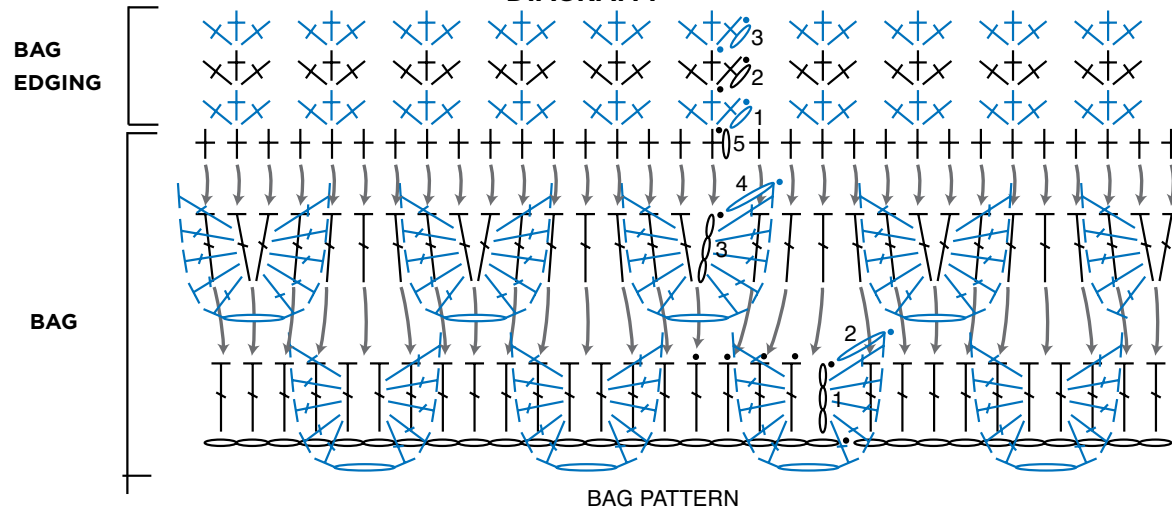
FINISHING

Join bottom edge: With larger hook, join MC with sl st at bottom edge. *Working through both thicknesses,* work 1 row of sl st across bottom edge to join. Fasten off.

Sew Handles and Flower to top of Bag as shown in picture.

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DIAGRAM I

BAG EDGING

BAG

BAG PATTERN

DIAGRAM II

FLOWER

KEY

⬭ = chain (ch)

• = slip st (sl st)

+ = single crochet (sc)

T = half double crochet (hdc)

╪ = double crochet (dc)

⌢ = worked in back loop
⌣ = worked in front loop