**Midnight Knitter** ™

free pattern

### Via-Mala Rectangle Purse

Size: 8.5" x 6" x 1.5"

**yarn:** 2 balls GGH Via Mala

**needles:** US 9
and crochet hooks size F and I

Cute little rectangle purse made by knitting two rectangles, crochet along the bottom and edges, with a thick crochet strap. A great first project for a knitter who wants to start crocheting more.

## INSTRUCTIONS

**Knitted rectangles, Make two**

- with US 9 needles, cast on 26 sts
- row 1: k4, p1, k1, p1, k5, p2, k5, p1, k1, p1, k4
- row 2: p4, k1, p1, k1, p5, k2, p5, k1, p1, k1, p4
- row 3: k5, p1, k6, p2, k6, p1, k5
- row 4: p5. k1, p6, k2, p6, k1, p5
- row 5: k4, p1, k1, p1, k12, p1, k1, p1, k4
- row 6: p4, k1, p1, k1, p12, k1, p1, k1, p4
- row 7: k5, p1, k14, p1, k5
- row 8: p5. k1, p14, k1, p5

- repeat above 8 rows one more time, then work rows 1 through 4 once
- bind off, cut yarn

**Crochet along edges of rectangle**

- with I crochet hook and right side of the work facing you, join yarn
to right hand corner of cast on edge, ch 1, work 25 sc along edge, ch 1, turn
- work 5 more rows of sc
- ch 1, rotate piece clockwise, work 16 sc along short edge, ch 1,
rotate again, work 26 sc along top, turn again, work 16 sc along
bottom edge, join to beg.

- MAKE STRAP
- for strap, ch 142, starting at 2nd ch from end, sc along to beg, ch 1, turn
- work 2 more rows of sc
- join strap end to end (forming a loop, being careful not to twist strap) join with sl st across the three rows of sc, ch 1, sc along the chain edge to beg, end

**Join strap to rectangles**
- place one rectangle face down and lay strap along the edge. * you are going to start at the corner OPPOSITE the corner labeled "strap"-->

* so pick up the two pieces and the right side of the work will now be facing you



- with I crochet hook and Via Mala yarn, join corner through both the rectangle and the strap, ch 1

- work sl st around --->

- for the other side of the bag, line up the rectangle with corresponding stitches on the strap before joining together



Make "hook" closure

- with F crochet hook, chain 7, join to form ring, sew to inside of one side of the bag

- for the other side, with F crochet hook, chain 10, sc along chain to beg, join to inside of bag on the other side (this piece will be curly)