

TUNISIAN CROCHET SHOULDER BAG

Designed by Robin Wilton

Materials: 1 skein each Queensland Coastal Cotton 3.5 oz. (185 yards) each White (Porcelain) (P), Green (Malachite) (M), Purple (Violet) (V), small amount of black yarn for cross stitch. 1 button of your choice (opt for closure)

Tunisian crochet hook size 4.5mm, tapestry needle

Front side: Foundation chain with M (green) chain 31.

Row 1: Beginning in 2nd ch from hook, draw up a loop through each ch and keep all loops on hook. (30 loops) **Row 2:** Yo and draw through 1 loop* yo and draw through 2 loops. Repeat from * until there is 1 loop left on hook. **Row 3:** Draw a loop through 2nd upright st and through each one across row, keeping all loops on hook. Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 26 more times.

Back side: Change to V (violet)

Repeat Rows 2 & 3, 27 times

Bag Flap: Row 55 - Change to Porcelain (white) Repeat Rows 2 & 3 once.

Row 57: Decrease one stitch on each end (28 stitches)

Row 58 - 64: Repeat Rows 2 & 3, 7 times.

Finish off, weave in ends.

Using the chart below cross stitch the grazing sheep using Porcelain and Black yarn.

Fold wrong sides together, matching the stitches on the green side with the violet side, starting at the bottom edge, sc the two sides together going through both of the loops on each side. Sc up the side, around the flap and back down the other side of the purse, matching stitches together. Ch 1 turn.

Bag Strap: SS back up the side to the top edge. Chain 100. Attach to the other bag side, being careful not to twist the chain. SS down the other side. Ch 1 turn. Sc back up the side to the edge of the bag side. Sc in each ch of the bag strap. Sc down the other side of the bag. Finish off. Weave in ends.

With V, sc an edge on the green edge (this will help it from curling).

With V make a chain of 10 stitches for the loop. Attach to the center of the flap.

Sew on a button to secure the flap.

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			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
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	O	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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	O	O			O			O			
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X = Porcelain, O = Black

Optional: I used little of the Violet yarn to embroider a few mountains on the green side. I used the green yarn to make a little grass on the Violet side.

If the edges curl block with pins, spray with a little water and let dry.
For a sturdier bag, you can choose to line it.

