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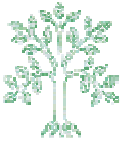
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Clutch Valentina



This clutch is easy to make, and you will surely be admired!



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Skill level: Beginner

Finished measurements: 30 cm/14 cm - 11,81 in/5,51 in

You need: 3 balls of **Bossanova** from <http://www.gomitoli.com/> or similar "web-yarn"

Hooks: n 5 mm/H8 and 6,5 mm/ K/10.5

Scissors

Optional: one stitch marker

Gauge: is not important in this project

Stitches: **cn** (chain), **sc** (simple crochet), **sl st** (slip stitch), **LS** (lace stitch)

"Lace-Stitch": expand the "web yarn" with your left hand fingers, insert the hook into the edge of the "web yarn" around 2 cm – 3 cm / 0,79 in – 1,18 in from the hook, pull up the "web yarn" and finish the sl st.

The Clutch

Ch 2 with hook 6,5 mm/ K/10.5

Turn and make 6 sc in the first ch

Work in around in a spiral so place a stitch-marker (I use a piece of yarn) where the round begins.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in every sc

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc (increasing), 1 sc in next sc*, repeat *-* around

Rnd 4 – 12 (if you want a bigger bag, just add more rnds): as rnd 3 making one sc more between the increasings.

Joining the sides: fold the circle in half and join making 15 sc through the sc on both sides. Then start from the same side of work on the opposite corner and make 15 sc (*Tip*: do not cut the yarn but use the other end of your ball, this will give you the st in the same direction).

Again: do not cut the yarn but make 1 sc in every sc around the opening of the bag. Cut the yarn.

Lace: begin with hook n 5 mm/H8 where you started to join the circle and make 1 LS in every sc but fix the LS in the strand next to you except for the LS in the opening of the bag (fix in both strands). When you've finished side one, just turn and repeat on side two. Cut the yarn.

Strap: ch2, make one sc in the first ch. Then make a sc in the strand of the sc. In this way you will get a double ch ready for use.

Finishing:

Add the strap on the clutch. Add a huge press button inside.

Use the n 5 mm/H8 to weave in the ends as it may be difficult with a needle.

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