Aristocrat

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Finished Size 8"x6"

Materials:
2 rolls Omega #3 metallic, #79
purple/silver
Size B aluminum crochet hook
Tapestry needle
Fray Check – Dabbing fray check on the ends is necessary when using nylon thread which ravels easily. When coming to an end or changing colors work over the thread just like yarn but leave a little more thread. Then clip close to the stitches and immediately dab Fray Check on the end and the surrounding area on the inside of your work. It can darken the thread so dab lightly but make sure it's saturated.

Special Stitch – Dsc (decrease single crochet) Insert hook in stitch, yo and draw up loop, insert hook in next stitch, yo, and draw up loop, yo and draw through 3 loops on hook.

Ch 52
Round 1 – Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in next 48 ch, 4 hdc in last ch. Continuing down other side of ch, hdc in 48 ch, 2 hdc in 1st skipped ch at beginning of round. Sl st in top of 2nd ch. (Right side)
Round 2 – Sl st in next 3 hdc. Ch 3, 3 dc in same stitch, skip 3 hdc, *sl st in next hdc ch3, 3 dc in same stitch, skip 3 hdc*. Repeat from *to*, end with sl st in sl st at beginning of round (bottom of beginning ch 3). Ch 3 turn.
Round 3 – *Skip 3 dc, sl st in ch 3 loop, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch 3 loop*, Repeat from * to * around, ending with sl st in sl st at beginning of round. Ch 3 turn.
Round 4-20 Repeat round 3.
Round 21 – **Beginning of flap** (Skip 3 dc, sl st in ch 3 loop, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch 3 loop) 12 times. Sl st in next ch 3 loop. Mark this loop. Ch 3 turn.
Round 22 - (Skip 3 dc, sl st in ch 3 loop, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch 3 loop) 11 times. Sl st in next ch 3 loop. Ch 3 turn.

Round 23 - (Skip 3 dc, sl st in ch 3 loop, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch 3 loop) 10 times. Sl st in next ch 3 loop. Ch 3 turn.

Round 24 - (Skip 3 dc, sl st in ch 3 loop, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch 3 loop) 9 times. Sl st in next ch 3 loop. Ch 3 turn.

Round 25 - (Skip 3 dc, sl st in ch 3 loop, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch 3 loop) 8 times. Sl st in next ch 3 loop. Ch 3 turn.

Round 24 - (Skip 3 dc, sl st in ch 3 loop, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch 3 loop) 7 times. Sl st in next ch 3 loop. Ch 3 turn.

Round 25 - (Skip 3 dc, sl st in ch 3 loop, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch 3 loop) 6 times. Sl st in next ch 3 loop. Ch 3 turn.

Round 26 - (Skip 3 dc, sl st in ch 3 loop, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch 3 loop) 5 times. Sl st in next ch 3 loop. Ch 3 turn.

Round 27 - (Skip 3 dc, sl st in ch 3 loop, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch 3 loop) 4 times. Sl st in next ch 3 loop. Ch 3 turn.

Round 28 - (Skip 3 dc, sl st in ch 3 loop, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch 3 loop) 3 times. Sl st in next ch 3 loop. Ch 3 turn.

Round 29 - Sl st in ch 3 loop, 3 dc in next sl st. Sl st in next ch 3 loop, 3 dc in next sl st. sl st in ch 3 loop. Fasten off.

Border

Round 1 - Wrong Side   Attach thread with a sl st to the marked ch 3 loop in round 21. (2 hdc in next sl st, sl st in next ch 3 loop) 14 times. Ch 1 turn. Sl st in ea stitch across top of bag. Continuing down side of flap, 3 sc in ea loop at end of rows. At tip of flap sl st at top of ch 3, 2 hdc in next sl st, sl in next ch 3 loop, 2 hdc in next sl st, and sl st in top of ch 3. Continuing down other side of flap, 3 sc in ea loop at end of rows. Sl st in beginning sl st.

Round 2 – Back loop only Sl st in ea stitch up to sl st at tip of flap before the first 2 hdc. Ch 12. Continue sl st's in ea stitch down other side of flap and around to beginning of round.

Round 3 – Back loop only. Sl st in ea st around, including ea ch of ch 12 which becomes the button hole.

Button –Wrap thread around 2 fingers to create circle, leaving long end of approximately 1 yard. 6 sc in this circle and pull end to close opening and create circle of sc's. Do not join. Right side. (2 sc in next sc) 6 times. (2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in next sc) 6 times. 18 sc. (1 sc in next 18 sc) 2 times. (Dsc over next 2 sc) 5 times. Make sure right side is outside the forming button. Take long end left at beginning of button and wrap entire thread around finger to

make ball and stuff inside opening of button. If it's not full enough, add more thread. Continue with 5 more dsc and fasten off leaving long end. Weave end back and forth through stitches to close opening and attach to front of purse underneath created buttonhole on flap.

Shoulder Strap – Ch 240, leaving long end to attach ends of strap to bag. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in ea ch across, putting 2 sc in last ch. Continue down other side of ch working sl st in ea ch. Fasten off leaving long end. Attach ea end to sides of bag.

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