

Winter 2014 Newsletter / Class Schedule

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Notes From Ava

The new year is here! Have you made your resolutions yet? I've given up making personal resolutions. They got broken almost as soon as I made them. However, this time of year is a good time to look back at what has been accomplished and what can be improved in the coming months.

I did a second set of videos for eHow right before Christmas. The patterns that go along with the videos are on the store's website on the how-to page. I'll be adding additional videos and instructions in the coming months.

The look of the newsletter is a little different starting with this one. It's a little less clutter and more cohesive. If there's anything you'd like to see in upcoming issues, let me know.

'Bye for now! Happy Crafting!



Class Schedule

Beginning Knitting *January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19*
7 pm \$55.00 (includes all materials)

Enter the world of knitting as you learn how to cast on, knit, purl, bind off, and add and subtract stitches.

Intermediate Knitting *March 5, 12, 19, April 2*
7 pm \$55.00 (includes all materials)

Expand your skills as you learn different shaping elements, cabling, and color-work while working on larger projects.

Intermediate Crochet *January 27, February 3, 10*
7pm \$35 (includes all materials)

Increase your knowledge of crochet techniques. You must know how to single and double crochet.

Advanced Knitting *1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18*
7 pm \$5 per class (materials extra)

Jan 7 - Feb 4 Starting a segment on how to adapt stitch pattern multiples for customized projects

Feb 18 – Mar 18 Lace

Please let me know at least 3 days before the first session if you will be coming. Any cancellations due to bad weather will be made up. Payment in full is due at the beginning of the first class and is non-refundable.

Easy Crocheted Purse



Materials:

200 yards worsted weight yarn
H crochet hook
two 1 – 1/4” key rings
scissors
yarn needle

Gauge: 13dc and 7 rows = 4”

Finished Size: 6.5” wide and 7” long
from bottom to start of flap

Experience Level: Intermediate

Abbreviations:

ch: chain
sc: single crochet
dc: double crochet
st(s): stitch(es)
Rnd(s): round(s)
R(s): row(s)

Special Stitch:

reverse single crochet: Working from left to right, insert the crochet hook into a stitch, pull up a loop, wrap the yarn over the hook and pull through the loop. *Insert the hook in the next stitch to the right, pull up a loop, wrap the yarn over the hook and pull through both loops on the hook. Repeat from * across.

Instructions:

Ch15, turn.

Bottom:

Rnd1: 3sc in the 2nd ch, 1sc in the next 12 chs, 3sc in the last ch, rotate the work clockwise, work 1sc in next 12 ch, join to the beginning st – 30 sts. Do not turn, continue in rounds.

Rnd2: Ch1, 2sc in the same st as the join, 2sc in the next st, 1sc in each on the next 13 sts, 2sc in each of the next 2 sts, 1sc in each of the next 13 sts, join – 34 sts.

Rnd3: Ch1, 2sc in the same st as the join, 2sc in the next 2 st, 1sc in each on the next 14 sts, 2sc in each of the next 2 sts, 1sc in each of the next 14 sts, join – 40 sts.

Rnd 4: Ch1, 2sc in the same st as the join, 2sc in the next 4 sts, 1sc in each on the next 15 sts, 2sc in each of the next 4 sts, 1sc in each of the next 15 sts, join – 50 sts.

Sides:

Rnd5: Working in the back loops only 1sc in each st around, join.

Rnds6 – 14: Ch2, 1dc in each st around, join. Note: The beginning ch2 counts as a stitch.

Rnd15: Slip stitch in the next 2 sts, ch2, 1dc in each of the next 20 sts, ch4, skip 4 sts, 1dc in each of the next 21 sts, ch4, skip 3 sts, join.

Rnd16: Ch2, 1dc in each of next 20 sts, 4dc in the ch4 space, 1dc in each of the next 21 sts, 4dc in the ch4 space, join.

Flap:

R1: Ch2 1dc in the next 20 sts, turn – 21 stitches.

Rs2 – 6: Repeat row 1.

R7: Ch2, 1dc in the next 8 sts, ch3, skip 3 sts, 1dc in the next 9 sts, turn – 18 stitches and 3 chains.

R8: Ch2, 1dc in the next 8 sts, 3dc in the ch3 space, 1dc in the next 9 sts, turn – 21 stitches.

R9: Work a reverse single crochet in each stitch around the flap and the top of the purse.

Cut the yarn, pull the end through the last loop, and weave in any ends.

Handle:

Ch120.

R1: Turn the chain so that the reverse side faces you. Work 1sc in each bump, turn – 119 sts.

R2: Ch1, 1sc in each st, turn.

Fold the handle in half, matching the stitches. Work 1sc through the inner loops of each set of stitches, around the end, up the opposite edge, and around the second end. Cut the yarn.

Run the end of the handle through one key ring. Stitch the end to the handle. Repeat with the 2nd end and key ring.

Open one key ring enough to run the opening on the top of the purse made on one end of round 15 & 16 onto the ring. Repeat with the 2nd ring and opening.