# **Small oval wallet**



I made a pattern for a small oval wallet. The wallet is big enough for hooks and other accessories. You can also use it for your glasses. You can even fit a glasses case in it

I used the oval cal bottom, but just one repeat of the middle part.

You only need 4 colors for it. To make it more firm you add an extra yarn, so you crochet over 4 yarns. The extra yarn is called E.

I used these colors.

- A blue
- B green
- C vellow
- D light blue
- E extra yarn

You will need a small zipper. My zipper is 15 cm / 6 inch. The size of the zipper you need can be different because everybody crochets differently or because you want the opening to be bigger.

Start with a long tail cast on, instead of normal chain stitches. Make the stitches tight. youtu.be/IdvrzT6V6Ug

See this video for the first rounds of an oval bottom. youtu.be/CeM6jtx\_oeM

#### Written instructions

Chain 25 with color A

Add color B and C.

1. 3 single crochet (sc) around the yarns you carry with color A, (place a stitch marker in the first of these 3 stitches), 25A, 3 sc around the yarns you carry with color A (place a stitch marker in the first of these 3 stitches), 25A (56)

Add color D and E.

From now on all the stitches will be made in the back loop.

At the end of round 2 and 3 we make an extra increase. This is to make the jog less noticeable.

2. \* inc A \* [3x], 11A, 3C, 11A, \* inc A \* [3x], 11A, 3C, 9A, 1C, inc C (63)

In round 3: Make sure that the 4 stitches in color A in the corners are centred as much as possible. Massage these stitches so they are in the middle of the corners. When these stitches are not centred, the pattern in the corner will slant.

3. Inc C, inc C, inc A, inc A, inc C, inc C, 3C, 3B, 3D, 3A, 1C, 3A, 3D, 3B, 3C, inc C, inc C, inc A, inc A, inc C, inc C, 3C, 3B, 3D, 3A, 1C, 3A, 3D, 3B, 3C, inc A (76)

- 4. 1A, inc B, inc B, 1C, inc C, 2A, inc C, 1C, inc B, inc B, 3A, 3C, 3B, 3D, 3A, 3D, 3B, 3C, 3A, inc B, inc B, 1C, inc C, 2A, inc C, 1C, inc B, inc B, 3A, 3C, 3B, 3D, 3A, 3D, 3B, 3C, 3A, 1D (88)
- 1A, inc A, 1D, inc D, 1B, inc B, 6C, inc B, 1B, inc D, 1D, inc A, 1A, 1D, 3A, 3C, 3B, 5D, 3B, 3C, 3A, 1D, 1A, inc A, 1D, inc D, 1B, inc B, 6C, inc B, 1B, inc D, 1D, inc A, 1A, 1D, 3A, 3C, 3B, 5D, 3B, 3C, 3A, 3D (100)
- 2D, inc A, 1A, inc A, 3D, inc B, 1B, 4C, 1B, inc B, 3D, inc A, 1A, inc A, 5D, 3A, 3C, 3B, 1D, 3B, 3C, 3A, 5D, inc A, 1A, inc A, 3D, inc B, 1B, 4C, 1B, inc B, 3D, inc A, 1A, inc A, 5D, 3A, 3C, 3B, 1D, 3B, 3C, 3A, 3D, 2B (112)
- 1B, inc D, 1D, 3A, inc A, 2A, 3D, inc B, 1B, 2C, 1B, inc B, 3D, 2A, inc A, 3A, 1D, inc D, 3B, 3D, 3A, 3C, 3B, 3C, 3A, 3D, 3B, inc D, 1D, 3A, inc A, 2A, 3D, inc B, 1B, 2C, 1B, inc B, 3D, 2A, inc A, 3A, 1D, inc D, 3B, 3D, 3A, 3C, 3B, 3C, 3A, 3D, 3B, 1C (124)
- 8. 3B, inc D, 1D, 3A, inc C, 1C, 1A, inc A, 1A, 3D, 4B, 3D, 1A, inc A, 1A, 1C, inc C, 3A, 1D, inc D, 3B, 1C, 3B, 3D, 3A, 5C, 3A, 3D, 3B, 1C, 3B, inc D, 1D, 3A, inc C, 1C, 1A, inc A, 1A, 3D, 4B, 3D, 1A, inc A, 1A, 1C, inc C, 3A, 1D, inc D, 3B, 1C, 3B, 3D, 3A, 5C, 3A, 3D, 3B, 3C (136)
- 2C, 3B, inc D, 1D, 3A, inc B, 4C, inc A, 1A, 3D, 2B, 3D, 1A, inc A, 4C, inc B, 3A, 1D, inc D, 3B, 5C, 3B, 3D, 3A, 1C, 3A, 3D, 3B, 5C, 3B, inc D, 1D, 3A, inc B, 4C, inc A, 1A, 3D, 2B, 3D, 1A, inc A, 4C, inc B, 3A, 1D, inc D, 3B, 5C, 3B, 3D, 3A, 1C, 3A, 3D, 3B, 3C, 2A (148)
- 10. 1A, 3C, 3B, inc D, 1D, 3A, inc B, 3B, 1C, inc C, 1C, 3A, 4D, 3A, 1C, inc C, 1C, 3B, inc B, 3A, 1D, inc D, 3B, 3C, 3A, 3C, 3B, 3D, 3A, 3D, 3B, 3C, 3A, 3C, 3B, inc D, 1D, 3A, inc B, 3B, 1C, inc C, 1C, 3A, 4D, 3A, 1C, inc C, 1C, 3B, inc B, 3A, 1D, inc D, 3B, 3C, 3A, 3C, 3B, 3D, 3A, 3D, 3B, 3C, 3A, 1D (160)

In round 11 there are only 10 increases. That is because that was needed for the bigger oval bag. I left it like this so I could use the round parts of the graph again  $\ensuremath{\mbox{\mbox{$ \oplus$}}}$ 

11. 3A, 3C, 3B, inc D, 1D, 5A, inc A, 9A, inc A, 10A, inc A, 5A, 1D, inc D, 3B, 3C, 3A, 1D, 3A, 3C, 3B, 5D, 3B, 3C, 3A, 1D, 3A, 3C, 3B, inc D, 1D, 5A, inc A, 9A, inc A, 10A, inc A, 5A, 1D, inc D, 3B, 3C, 3A, 1D, 3A, 3C, 3B, 5D, 3B, 3C, (170)

Now the bottom is finished.

### Side

Crochet 3 rounds with color A (without increases) Check how big you want the opening to be for the zipper. Stop crocheting at the point where you want the zipper to start. Keep crocheting over all the yarns until the last stitch. We will use the space formed by the height difference, 'the jog', for the zipper.



Cut all the yarns and weave in the ends.

Make another bottom with a side of 3 rounds. End the round at the same place as the first piece. Cut the yarns you carry and weave them in. DO NOT cut the working yarn of the second piece, you will need it to crochet the two pieces together.

# Working with the graph

You read the graph anti clockwise, so from right to left.

When you are left handed, please also read the graph from right to left. If you would read the graph from left to right the jog will not look good.

The black line marks the beginning of the round.

The red lines mark where you have to make the increases.

The white stitches in the middle of the pattern are the 25 chain stitches.

When you start the first round, add color B and C.

When you start the second round add color D and E.

From round 2 all the stitches will be made in the back loop.

At the end of round 2 and 3 we make an extra increase. This is to make the jog less noticeable.

In round 3, pay attention to the following:

Make sure that the 4 stitches in color A in the corners are centred as much as possible. Massage these stitches so they are in the middle of the corners. When these 4 stitches are not centred, the pattern in the corner will slant.

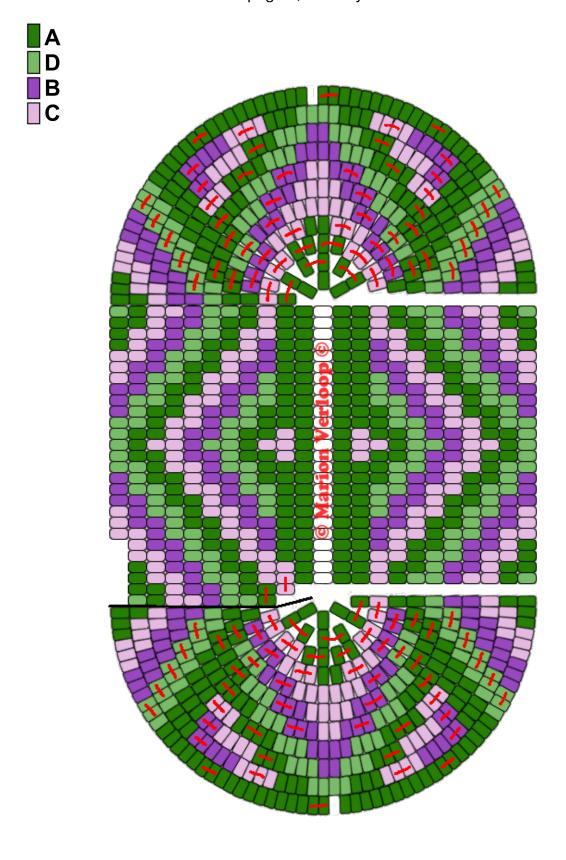
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In the corners of round 11, you see a blank stitch. Just ignore this. Do as if the green stitches are next to each other.

(Because we are only increasing 10 times in this round, there are too many stitches in the graph. That is why one stitch is white in each corner.)

Read instructions for the side on page 3.

Please read the instructions on page 4, before you start.



# Attaching the halves together

Now the hardest part starts, sewing in the zipper and crocheting the pieces together. Please take your time to do this. I found this very hard to do. This is how I did it.

Put the two halves on top of each other. When you do this you see that the 'jog' creates an opening, this is where the zipper will come.

Sew the zipper to one side with a basting stitch. Then sew that side with sewing thread. In the picture I marked the side I sewed first with a red line.



When I finished sewing in one half of the zipper, I crocheted the pieces together with a slip stitch, but only half of what needs to be crocheted together.

Start with a chain stitch, so there is room to insert the hook in the first stitch. Insert the hook in the back loop of the left piece, then in the back loop of the right piece. Yarn over, pull through all three loops, but one loop at the time. If you would pull through all the loops at once, the yarn will split. To make sure you insert the hook in the right stitch, you can add stitch markers every 10 stitches on both sides. In this video I show how to crochet the two halves together with a slip stitch. I used a different color yarn, so it is easier to see what I am doing. <a href="youtu.be/JGui4uKt\_ry">youtu.be/JGui4uKt\_ry</a> And the left handed version. <a href="youtu.be/fUDZsTPHCQ8">youtu.be/fUDZsTPHCQ8</a>

When you are half way with crocheting the pieces together, stop and sew the other side of the zipper to the bag, first with a basting stitch and then with sewing thread. Then finish crocheting the pieces together. When you do it this way, there is some room to hold everything.



When you crocheted the two pieces together with a slip stitch, it will look like this.

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