

Free Granny Square Purse – Detailed Step-by-Step Guide



The **Granny Square Purse** is a simple yet charming crochet project that blends classic granny squares with a functional bag design.

It's perfect for beginners and a great way to use leftover yarn ("scrap-buster" project). You can customize it into a small purse, kids' treasure bag, or even a crossbody pouch.

Materials Needed

Gather these supplies before you begin:

- **Yarn:**
 - Worsted weight yarn
 - 4 different colors (scrap yarn works perfectly)
- **Hook:**
 - US H-8 (5 mm crochet hook)
- **Tools:**
 - Scissors

- Tapestry needle (for sewing and weaving ends)

Note: Pattern uses **U.S. crochet terms** (hdc = half double crochet, sc = single crochet, etc.)

Step 1: Make the Granny Squares

You will need:

2 granny squares (same size)

Instructions:

- Use any standard granny square pattern you like
- Make both squares equal in size
- Change colors as desired for a vibrant look

Tip: Using different colors for each round gives a classic boho style.

Step 2: Create the Side Piece (Gusset)

This piece adds **depth** to your purse so it's not flat.

Instructions:

1. Foundation Chain:

- Chain **39**

2. Row 1:

- Work **1 hdc in the 3rd chain from hook**
- Continue **1 hdc in each chain across**
- Total: **37 stitches**
- Turn

3. Row 2:

- Chain 2 (counts as first stitch)
- Work **1 hdc in each stitch across (37 stitches)**

4. Fasten off

Adjusting Size (Important Tip)

If the side piece doesn't fit around your square:

- Too short → increase starting chain to **44 or 48**
- Too long → use fewer chains
- Slight stretching is okay

Goal: The strip should fit **3 sides of your square comfortably**

Step 3: Assemble the Bag

Now you will join everything together.

Attach First Square

1. Place **wrong sides facing**
2. Align:
 - One corner of square
 - One end of side piece
3. Join using **single crochet (sc)**:
 - Work through:
 - **Back loops of granny square only**
 - Both loops of side piece
4. Continue along **3 sides of the square**
 - Leave the **top open**

Attach Second Square

1. Align second square with other side of gusset
2. Repeat same joining method (sc)

Do NOT fasten off after finishing

Finish Top Edge

1. Chain 1
2. Work **single crochet all around the top opening**
3. This creates a neat, finished edge
4. Fasten off and weave in ends

Step 4: Make the Strap

You can customize the length!

Instructions:

1. **Foundation Chain:**
 - Chain to your desired length
(short = handbag, long = crossbody)
2. **Row 1:**
 - 1 hdc in 3rd chain from hook
 - 1 hdc in each chain across
 - Turn
3. **Row 2:**
 - Chain 2
 - 1 hdc in each stitch across
4. Fasten off

Attach Strap

- Use tapestry needle
- Sew both ends securely to **inside of the bag**
- Reinforce stitches for durability

Step 5: Finishing Options

Option 1: Add Fabric Lining

- Prevents stretching
- Keeps small items from falling out
- Gives professional finish

Option 2: No Lining (Easy Trick)

Place items inside a:

Ziploc bag before putting them in your purse

- Keeps contents secure

- Maintains airy crochet look

Creative Ideas & Uses

This pattern is super versatile:

- Everyday mini purse (phone, keys, lipstick)
- Gift bag
- Kids' treasure pouch
- Medical holder (neck pouch)
- Anti-theft travel pouch

Final Tips

- Keep tension consistent for best fit
- Use sturdy yarn if carrying heavier items
- Play with colors to create unique designs
- Make multiple versions—it's quick and fun!