



## FLOWER POWER FABRIC STRIP BAG

2 pocket small tote with crocheted flower on flap

**FINISHED SIZE:** 7\_” LONG X 5\_” WIDE

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

**FABRIC:** 1\_ Yards material or scrap material to equal 1\_ yards.

**NEEDLES;** # 8 Clover Bamboo Needle 9”  
Size E Clover Bamboo Crochet Hook

**NOTIONS:** Clover Rotary Cutting Matt

Clover Rotary Cutter  
Clover Bias Cutting Ruler  
Clover quick snap closure

# 10 Crochet thread for flower

**OPTIONAL:** If you do not want to crochet a flower purchase a silk flower and attach with needle and thread.

### TIPS:

When purchasing fabric for this project as with all fabric knitting/crochet projects choose a fabric with a strong color on the backside as well as the front. Your fabric strips will twist as you knit and you want color through out the project to be consistent.

Pre-wash your fabric before cutting

Using our suggestions for working with fabric strips cut your fabric in continuous strips or use the joining strips method. Roll into balls and you are ready to go.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

**CUTTING STRIPS:** Choose your method of cutting strips from the “Knitting with Fabric” instructions. Place your Bias ruler on the edge of your fabric at the \_” mark. Place your rotary cutter in the slot for cutting and cut all your fabric according the method you have chosen.

#### All rows are knit

**BODY:** Cast on 2 stitches

**ROW 1:** Knit

**ROW 2:** Increase 1 st in each st

**ROW3:** Increase 1 st each end of row until 22 sts are on your needle.

Continue to knit on these 22 sts until piece measures 17\_” in length.

Piece should be approximately 7” wide.

Bind off loosely

#### INNER SECTION:

Cast on 20 Sts and knit all rows until piece measures 6\_”. Bind off loosely

**FLAP CLOSURE:** Attach snap closure to flap and bottom of purse as directed on package.

**HANDLE:** With crochet hook loosely chain until piece measures 35” or desired length.

Attach to bag just below the flap where it will be covered when bag is sewn.

**CROCHETED FLOWER:** with crochet hook and thread chain 6 and join to form a circle.

RND 1: In beg ring work 16 dc; close with slp st in top of ch-3 (this equals 1<sup>st</sup> dc)

RND 2: Ch 1, beg in same st as closing slp st work (sc in dc, 3 ch, skp 1 st) 8 times close each rnd with slp st in first sc. RND3: Ch 1, in each ch-3 lp around work: sc, 1 ch, 3 dc, 1 ch and sc. RND4,6,8 repeat rnd 2 increasing 1 st each round. RND5,7,9 repeat rnd 3 increasing 2 dc each round. For sc on rnd 4, fold petals toward center and insert hook in 2 vertical strands of stem of first sc of petal. For sc on rnd 6, fold petals of rnd 5 toward you and insert hook in 2 vertical strands of stem of sc on rnd 4. On rnd 8 work sc over ch-1 lp separating 2 petals. At end of rnd 9, fasten off.

**OPTIONS:** Rather than the crocheted flower you could sew a silk flower over the snap closure

#### FINISHING:

Sandwich the inner section with lower portion of bag. Position the edges of inner section and bottom of bag approximately 2” below where the flap increases end. Stitch edges of bag catching edge of inner flap as you sew.

Attach crocheted flower over the snap closure. Sew button in center of flower.