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## **MATERIALS:**

2 skeins of Ozark Handspun Yarn  
# 19 needle

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Cast on 22 sts on a #19 needle. Knit for 19 “ and bind off loosely. Secure handles in place. Depending on the style of handle you choose, one technique I like to use for long handles is to single crochet the length of the opening of the handle. Crochet the first row to the purse where the handle is to be placed. Then continue to crochet the length you need to put through the opening in the handle and secure back to the beginning of the crochet. This will give you a very sturdy connection together. Buy a piece of quick Count Plastic canvas from Michael’s to fit the purse. You will need to cut it to fit. Fold purse in half and sew sides together. Make a fabric envelope so that the plastic is totally covered and sew inside the purse.

## **OPTIONAL**

Glue in feathers in a group as shown in the photo. I used 4” rooster shlappens in natural colors. See source below.

## **SOURCES**

PURSE HANDLES: Trendsetter Yarns

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