213ss-08 Scilla Messenger Bag

Suggested yarn:
• Mondial Scilla [100% cotton; 120 yds/110m per 1.76oz./50g skein]; color #734 chrome green, 7 skeins [310g]

Tools/Notions:
• 3.9mm (approx. US 6) and 4.2mm (approx. US 6 or 7) knitting needles or sizes necessary to achieve gauge
• 3.0mm (approx. US C or D) crochet hook or size necessary to achieve gauge
• 1 wooden button

Finished measurements:
• width 37cm/14.57"
• depth 31cm/12.20"
• handle length 90cm/35.43"

Gauge (10cm/4" square):
• pattern stitch A (with 4.2mm needles): 24 sts and 33 rows
• pattern stitch B (with 3.9mm needles): 24 sts and 40 rows
• stockinette stitch: 23 sts and 32 rows

Gauge may vary according to individual knitting style. Change needle size if necessary to achieve gauge. Alternatively, rework pattern with your own gauge measurements.

Knitting Tips

Body of bag: Cast on with long-tail cast-on method. Work in pattern stitch A with 4.2mm needles. Change to 3.9mm needles and work in pattern stitch B.

Strap/bottom/side piece: Work in stockinette stitch, placing markers where indicated. Make 2 of these pieces. Seam cast-on row to bind-off row.

Finishing: Seam bottom/side piece to body of bag piece from the inside, with wrong sides facing each other (through 3 layers of fabric) with crochet slip stitch seam. Seam strap area with mattress stitch. Crochet loop, then sew loop and button to bag where shown.

Abbreviations:
BO = bind off     ch = chain stitch     CO = cast on     pm = place marker     rep = pattern repeat(s)     RS = right side     WS = wrong side

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**Body of bag (make 2)**

- **pattern stitch A**
  - 4.2mm needles
  - 37cm
  - 88 rows
  - CO 88 sts | 7 rep + 4 sts →
  - 31cm
  - 4.5cm 18 rows
  - BO from WS pattern st B (3.9mm need.)

**Loop**
- 3.0mm hook

- \(2 \rightarrow \text{ch40 to begin}\)

- 14cm

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**Strap/bottom/side piece (make 2)**

- stockinette stitch, 4.2mm needles

- 5.5cm 13 sts

- 18.5cm 59 rows

- Bottom
  - 31cm 99 rows

- Side
  - 90cm 288 rows

- Strap
  - 90cm

- Side
  - 31cm 99 rows

- Bottom
  - 18.5cm 59 rows

- □ place marker

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**Finishing**

- Make 2 sides.
- Align CO row and BO row, then seam together.
- Seem bottom/side to body piece from inside with WS facing each other using crochet slip stitch seam.
- With RS facing each other, seam two ends of strap together with mattress stitch.

- Loop
  - 18.5cm 2cm
  - button