

## Scallop Shell Purse

### Supplies:

**Size 0000 knitting needles**, 1 pair  
**Size 8 Perle Cotton**, 1 ball  
**Size 10/0 or 11/0 seed beads**, 1-2 hanks

**Accent beads** to coordinate with seed beads. These can be either more of the seed beads or they can be larger beads that compliment the bag. You'll need somewhere around 2 dozen, but that is entirely dependent on how you embellish the bag. It may help to wait until the bag is completed before choosing the accent beads.



**Pattern Notes:** Knit this bag in two pieces, as the weight of the beads while knitting the second half can drastically affect your tension. The second half will finish up larger than the first half if you knit it all in once piece.

**Preparation:** String about 1700 beads onto the thread. You need 1605 to be exact, but you always want a few extras in case you have to break out a bad bead or two. Do NOT string all 3210 on the thread at once. You will be cutting the thread between the two halves, and stringing all the beads on at once just puts unnecessary stress on the thread.

Cast on 17

Row 1 - Knit

Row		Gp 1		Gp 2		Gp 3		Gp4		Gp5		Beads
2	K3	S1B	K3	S1B	K3	S1B	K3	S1B	K3	S1B	K2	5
3	K2	S1B	K3	S1B	K3	S1B	K3	S1B	K3	S1B	K3	5
4	K3	S2B	K3	S2B	K3	S2B	K3	S2B	K3	S2B	K2	10
5	K2	S2B	K3	S2B	K3	S2B	K3	S2B	K3	S2B	K3	10
6	K3	S2B	K3	S2B	K3	S2B	K3	S2B	K3	S2B	K2	10
7	K2	S2B	K3	S2B	K3	S2B	K3	S2B	K3	S2B	K3	10
8	K3	S3B	K3	S3B	K3	S3B	K3	S3B	K3	S3B	K2	15
9	K2	S3B	K3	S3B	K3	S3B	K3	S3B	K3	S3B	K3	15
10	K3	S3B	K3	S3B	K3	S3B	K3	S3B	K3	S3B	K2	15
11	K2	S3B	K3	S3B	K3	S3B	K3	S3B	K3	S3B	K3	15
12	K3	S4B	K3	S4B	K3	S4B	K3	S4B	K3	S4B	K2	20
13	K2	S4B	K3	S4B	K3	S4B	K3	S4B	K3	S4B	K3	20
14	K3	S5B	K3	S5B	K3	S5B	K3	S5B	K3	S5B	K2	25
15	K2	S5B	K3	S5B	K3	S5B	K3	S5B	K3	S5B	K3	25
16	K3	S6B	K3	S6B	K3	S6B	K3	S6B	K3	S6B	K2	30
17	K2	S6B	K3	S6B	K3	S6B	K3	S6B	K3	S6B	K3	30
18	K3	S6B	K3	S6B	K3	S6B	K3	S6B	K3	S6B	K2	30
19	K2	S6B	K3	S6B	K3	S6B	K3	S6B	K3	S6B	K3	30

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20	K3	S7B	K3	S7B	K3	S7B	K3	S7B	K3	S7B	K2	35
21	K2	S7B	K3	S7B	K3	S7B	K3	S7B	K3	S7B	K3	35
22	K3	S8B	K3	S8B	K3	S8B	K3	S8B	K3	S8B	K2	40
23	K2	S8B	K3	S8B	K3	S8B	K3	S8B	K3	S8B	K3	40
24	K3	S8B	K3	S8B	K3	S8B	K3	S8B	K3	S8B	K2	40
25	K2	S8B	K3	S8B	K3	S8B	K3	S8B	K3	S8B	K3	40
26	K3	S9B	K3	S9B	K3	S9B	K3	S9B	**			36
27	K1	S9B	K3	S9B	K3	S9B	**					27
28	K1	S9B	K3	S9B	**							18
29	K1	S9B	**									9
30	K1	S9B	K3	S9B	K3	S9B	K2					27
31	K2	S9B	K3	S9B	K3	S9B	K3	S9B	K3	S9B	K2	45

\*\* Short Rows: Knit the first stitch of the K3 group, wrap the next stitch and turn, move on to the next row. To wrap a stitch, slip the stitch purlwise from the left needle to the right, bring the thread to the front, then slip the stitch back to the left needle.

Repeat Rows 26-31 once with 10 beads, and once again with 9 beads.

Work rows 1-25 in reverse order. NOTE: In actuality, you knit row 24, then row 25, row 22 then 23, etc. This will keep the K3 edges and the K2 edges on the correct side of the knitting.

Bind off.

Repeat entire pattern to make second half of bag. Sew together, matching cast on edges, and bound off edges (the bound off edges may be a bit shorter than the cast on edges, which is why you want them sewn to each other). Make sure the K2 edges are on the same side of the bag. Complete the shell shape by sewing along the K2 edges. The K3 edges form the open top of the bag. Embellish seam as desired.

**Necklace/Strap:** You can knit this with a straight strap, i.e. 4 stitches with 3 beads, or 3 stitches and 2 beads, or a twisted strap, 3 stitches, 2 beads, slip the first stitch of each row, which causes the strap to twist. Note that a knitted strap will stretch, so measure the length of the strap periodically. Sew the strap to the bag as shown in the photo. Other necklace/strap ideas included a crocheted rope, strung beads, etc.

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