Victorian Beaded Bag

Size 0 Needles
DMC Perlé Cotton, size 12, white
1 hank of 11/0 seed beads blue, silver-lined
Silver purse frame – 2 ½ inches at inside opening
Fabric for lining
Silver chain for handle.

Cast on 22 stitches. Knit 2 rows.

Row 3: K2, slip 1 bead (s1b), *K1, s1b,* repeat to last 2 stitches, K2
Row 4: Knit across
Repeat rows 3 & 4 15 times more (16 bead rows)

Next row: K2, *s1b, K2,* repeat across to the end.
Repeat this row 2 more times.

Next row: K2, *s2b, K2,* repeat across to the end.
Repeat this row 13 more times.

Next row: K2, *s3b, K2,* repeat across to the end.
Repeat this row 15 more times.

Next row: K2, *s4b, K2,* repeat across to the end.
Repeat this row 10 more times.

Next row: K2, *s5b, K2,* repeat across to the end.
Repeat this row 16 more times.

Next row: K2, *s4b, K2,* repeat across to the end.
Repeat this row 10 more times.

Next row: K2, *s3b, K2,* repeat across to the end.
Repeat this row 15 more times.

Next row: K2, *s2b, K2,* repeat across to the end.
Repeat this row 13 more times.

Next row: K2, *s1b, K2,* repeat across to the end.
Repeat this row 2 more times.

Next row: K2, s1b, *K1, s1b,* repeat to last 2 stitches, K2
Next row: Knit across
Next row: K2, s1b, *K1, s1b,* repeat to last 2 stitches, K2
Repeat rows 4 & 5 14 times more (16 bead rows)

Knit 1 row then bind off very loosely.

Fold in half and sew the sides together from the bottom to the beginning of the K1, s1b section. This top section will be sewn to the purse frame.

Lining:

With the piece turned inside out and the lining material folded in half, line the bottom of the piece with the folded side of the material. Cut the material to the shape of the purse. On the material, mark where the top section of the knitted piece begins. Sew each side of the material from the bottom to the markings for the top section. Hem the unfinished edges of the material.

Tack the lining to the knitted piece along the top edges and top on both sides. Using a beading needle and sewing thread, sew the sides and top to the purse frame.

Attach the silver chain to the purse frame.

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