Snapping Turtle Amulet Bag

Designed by Maggie Petsch (The Crochet Doc)
Skill level: intermediate
Size: 3 1/4 inches wide by 4 3/4 inches high

Materials needed:
- our 10m spools of Kreinik Medium (#16) Braid in 015 Chartreuse (color A)
- two 10m spools of Medium (#16) Braid in 091 Star Yellow (color B)
- one 10m spool Medium (#16) Braid in 061 Ruby (color C)
- size 7 steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- 2(1/8)-inch in diameter black beads
- 3 (3/8)-inch in diameter clear snap fasteners
- 30-inch length gold chain
- sewing needle, green sewing thread, black sewing thread

Instructions:

Gauge: 9 sc = 1 inch

Front
Center Strip
Row 1 (WS): With A, ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 2 chs, turn. (3 sc)
Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc throughout), [dc, changing to A; 2 dc] in last sc, ch 1, turn. (7dc)
Row 3: Sc3tog, sc in next dc, sc3tog, turn. (3 sts)
Row 4: Sl st in back lp only of first st, ch 3; working in back lps only this row, [dc, changing to B; dc, changing to A] in same st, dc in next st, changing to B, [dc, changing to A; 2 dc] in last st, ch 1, turn. (7 dc)
Row 5: Rep Row 3.
Row 6: Sl st in back lp only of first st; working in back lps only this row, [ch 2, changing to B; ch 1; dc, changing to A; dc, changing to B] in same st; dc in next st, changing to A, [dc, changing to B; dc, changing to A; dc] in last st, ch 1, turn.
Row 7: Rep Row 3, ending with ch 1, turn.

Border
Rnd 1: Sl st in back lp only of first st, ch 1; 2 sc in back lp only of same st, sc in back lp only of next st, 3 sc in back lp only of next st; *working over end sts of rows across, [5 sc over end st of next row, sl st over end st of next row] twice, 5 sc over end st of next row*; working in rem lps of foundation ch, 3 sc in first st, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, rep from * to *, sc in same st as beg sc, join in back lp only of beg sc.
Rnd 2: Working in back lps only of each st around, [ch 3, dc, changing to B; dc, changing to A] in same st as joining, * dc in next sc, changing to B; dc in next sc, changing to A; dc in next sc, changing to B; [dc, changing to A; 2 dc, changing to B in 2nd dc] in next sc; tr in next sc, changing to A; [tr, changing to B; tr, changing to A] in next sc; tr in next sc, changing to B; tr in next sc, changing to A; tr in each of next 3 sc, changing to B in last tr; tr in next sc, changing to A; tr in next sc, changing to B; tr in next sc, changing to A; tr in each of next 3 sc, changing to B in last tr; tr in next sc, changing to A; tr in next sc, changing to B; [tr, changing to A; tr, changing to B] in next sc; tr in next sc,

changing to A**; [2dc, changing to B in 2nd dc; dc, changing to A] in next sc; rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (56 sts)

Rnd 3: Working in back lps only this rnd, ch 2 (counts as first hdc), 2 hdc in same st as joining, *sc in next st, hdc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next st, hdc in each of next 2 sts, [hdc, sc, hdc] in next st, hdc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, [hdc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next st] 4 times*, 3 hdc in next st, rep from * to *, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. (64 sts)

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in each of next 2 sts, changing to B in last st; hdc in next st, changing to A; [sc in each of next 3 sts, changing to B; hdc in next st, changing to A] rep around, join in beg sc, fasten off.

First front leg
Row 1: With RS facing, working in back lps only this row, attach A with a sl st in next-to-last st on Rnd 4 of border, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each of next 3 sts, chh 1, turn. (4 sc)
Row 2: Sc dec, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, ch 1, turn. (4 sts)
Row 3: 2 sc in first st, sc in next sc, sc dec, ch 1, turn. (4 sts)
Row 4: Sc in each of first 2 sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, sturn. (4 sts)
Row 5: Ch 2 (counts as first hdc throughout), hdc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts, ch 1, turn. (4 sts)
Row 6: Sc in first st, hdc in each of next 3 sts, turn. (4 sts)
Row 7: Ch 2, yo, insert hook in next st, yo, draw up a lp, draw up a lp in each of next 2 sts, yo, draw through all lps on hook, fasten off.

Second front leg
Row 1: Sk next 11 sts on Rnd 4 of border on front, attach A with a sl st in next st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each of next 3 sts, ch 1, turn. (4 sc)
Row 2: 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, sc dec, ch 1, turn. (4 sts)
Row 3: Sc dec, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, turn. (4 sts)
Row 4: Ch 2, hdc in next sc, sc in each of next 2 sts, ch 1, turn. (4 sts)
Row 5: Sc in each of first 2 sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, turn. (4 sts)
Row 6: Ch 2, hdc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, ch 1, turn. (4 sts)
Row 7: Draw up a lp in first st, [yo, draw up a lp in next st] 3 times, yo, draw through all lps on hook, fasten off.

Neck and head
Row 1: With RS facing, working in back lps only this row, attach A with a sl st in same st as last st of Row 1 of first front leg, ch 1, sc dec over same st and next st, sc in each of next 9 sts, sc dec, ch 1, turn. (11 sts)
Row 2: Sc dec , sc in each of next 7 sts, sc dec, ch 1, turn. (9 sts)
Row 3: Sl st in first st, sc dec, sc in each of next 3 sts, sc dec, ch 1, turn. (5 sts)
Row 4: Sc in each st across, ch 1, turn. (5 sc)
Row 5: Sc in first st, changing to C; sc in next st, changing to A, sc in next st, changing to C; sc in next st, changing to A; sc in next st, ch 1, turn. (5 sts)
Row 6: Sc in first st, changing to C; sc in same st, changing to A; sc in each of next 3 sts, changing to C in 3rd st; sc in last st, changing to A; sc in same st, ch 1, turn. (7 sts)
Row 7: Sc in first st, changing to C; sc in next st, changing to A; sc in each of next 3 sts, changing to C in 3rd st; sc in next st, changing to A; sc in last st, fasten off C, ch 1, turn. (7 sts)
Row 8: Sc dec, sc in each of next 3 sts, sc dec, ch 1, turn. (5 sts)
Row 9: Sc in each st across, ch 1, turn. (5 sc)
Row 10: Sc dec, sc in next st, sc dec, ch 1, turn. (3 sts)
Row 11: Draw up a lp in each of next 3 sts, yo, draw through all lps on hook, fasten off.

First back leg

Row 1: With RS facing, working in back lps only this row, sk 13 sts after last st of Row 1 of second front leg, attach A with a sl st in next st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each of next 3 sts, ch 1, turn. (4 sc)

Rows 2 & 3: Sc in each st across, ch 1, turn. (4 sc)

Row 4: 2 sc in first st, sc in each of next 3 sts, ch 1, turn. (5 sc)

Row 5: Sc in each of first 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, ch 1, turn. (6 sc)

Row 6: Sc in each of first 4 sts, sc dec, ch 1, turn. (5 sts)

Row 7: Draw up a lp in each of next 5 sts, yo, draw through all lps on hook, fasten off.

Second back leg

Row 1: with RS facing, working in back lps only this row, sk next 11 sts after last st of Row 1 of first back leg, attach A with a sl st in next st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each of next 3 sts, ch 1, turn.

Rows 2 & 3: Rep Rows 2 & 3 of first back leg.

Row 4: Sc in each of first 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, ch 1, turn. (5 sc)

Row 5: 2 sc in first sc, sc in each rem st across, ch 1, turn. (6 sc)

Row 6: Sc dec, sc in each rem st across, ch 1, turn. (5 sts)

Row 7: Rep Row 7 of first back leg.

Tail

With RS facing, sk next 4 sts after last st of Row 1 of first back leg, attach A with a sl st in next st, ch 7, sc in 2nd ch froom hook, sc in each of next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, dc in each of next 2 chs, sk next sc on Rnd 4 of border, sl st in next st, fasten off, leaving short length for finishing. With tapestry needle, sew center bottom of tail to border.

Back

Center Strip

Rows 1-7: With B only, rep instructions for center strip for front; do not change colors.

Border

Rnds 1-3: With B only, rep instructions for border for front; do not change colors.

Rnd 4: Reversing colors, rep Rnd 4 for border for front.

First Front Leg

Rows 1-7: Rep Rows 1-7 of first front leg for front.

Second Front Leg

Rows 1-7: Rep Rows 1-7 of second front leg for front.

Neck and head

Rows 1-9: With A only, rep Rows 1-9 of neck and head for front.

First Back Leg

Rows 1-7: Rep rows 1-7 of first back leg for front.

Second Back Leg

Rows 1-7: Rep Rows 1-7 of second back leg for back.

Tail

With WS facing, working in front lps only, rep instructions for tail for front.

Finishing
With sewing needle and black sewing thread, sew beads onto turtle's head for eyes. Place front of turtle over back of turtle, WS tog. With sewing needle and green sewing thread, beg at lower edge of either front leg, sew front and back together around to lower edge of opposite front leg.
With sewing needle and green sewing thread, sew 1 end of gold chain to top of seam on either side; sew rem end to top of seam on opposite side.
With sewing needle and green sewing thread, sew 1 snap fastener at top of each front leg and 1 at top of head.

And you're done!

A quick-and-easy cross stitch design for Halloween (what a sweet little duo all dressed up for trick-or-treating!)