Some Assembly Required
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You can never have too many sweet, colorful little wallets or purses. Share the magic of fulling with a friend! Start the project, and hand the rest off in a gift kit. After all, it would be selfish to keep all the fun for yourself!

Project Rating: Flirtation
Cost: $20

Necessary Skills:
- ch (page 186); sc (page 187); sl st (page 187); sewing ends (page 194); whip stitch; fulling in the machine (page 50)

Finished Size:
Width: 4.5 inches
Height when closed: 3 inches

Materials:
- Blue Sky Alpacas Sport Weight 100 percent baby alpaca (50g, 110yd/100m, baby alpaca), less than 1 skein each color
  - [MC] Color: #531 Paprika
  - [CC] Color: #520 Avocado
- Substitution: Sport weight, feltable alpaca or wool yarn; approx. 30 yd/27.5m of MC and only a few yards/meters of CC for each circle are required.
- US K / 6.5mm crochet hook
- US G7 / 4.5mm crochet hook
- Sharp yarn needle
- Small pieces of hook and loop tape (Velcro)
- Sewing thread in colors to both match and contrast with wallet body
- Buttons, sequins, beads, etc.

Gauge
Approx. 12 sc = 4 inches on 6.5 mm hook

Pattern Notes
Working into Front or Back Loop: When crocheting the wallet, you will be instructed to work into the front or back loop of a stitch. This refers to the two loops of the chain-like formation which forms the top of a crochet stitch. The front loop refers to the loop of this chain which is closest to you, and the back loop refers to the loop which is furthest.

Instructions
Wallet
- Using larger hook and MC, ch 20.
- Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch to end. 19 sc.
- Row 2: Ch 1; working into back loops only, sc in each sc to end.
- Row 3: Ch 1; working into front loops only, sc in each sc to end.
- Repeat Rows 2 and 3 eighteen times more, then work Row 2 once more. 40 rows have been worked. Break yarn, draw through loop and pull tight.

Weave in ends.

Circle (Make as many as desired)
- Using smaller hook and CC, ch 2.
- Round 1: Work 6 sc in second ch from hook, sl st in first sc to join into a circle.
- Round 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc and in each sc to end, sl st in first sc. 12 sc.
- Round 3: Ch 1, [2 sc in first sc, 1 sc in next sc] to end, sl st in first sc. 18 sc.
- Break yarn, draw through loop and pull tight.
- Weave in ends.

Finishing Instructions
Fulling
- Place wallet and circle(s) into mesh bag and full according to directions in Chapter 4, checking progress frequently (approx. every 3 minutes). If the recommended yarn is used, the pieces may develop a curly, boucle-like texture while fulling. If you wish to maintain this texture, stop fulling before the curls are completely matted down.

Assembly
- Before seaming, determine desired location of velcro closure. Use sewing needle and thread that matches wallet body in order to sew velcro pieces to wallet body and flap.
- Use MC and yarn needle to sew sides of wallet, leaving flap free. The whip stitch is recommended for sewing these seams.

Decorating
- Arrange circles as desired and sew in place using CC. Gather your buttons, beads, and any other embellishments you might like to use, along with a few different contrasting colors of sewing thread. Place them on the wallet and flap, experimenting with different arrangements until you find one you like. Sew the embellishments securely to the wallet and enjoy!