



OBJECT ID	1998.14.1
OBJECT NAME	Purse
MEASUREMENTS	18.89252 cm. W x 25.7175 cm. L Since this is a textile, the dimensions may change depending on how it is displayed., Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Cotton; Silk
OBJECT ENTITIES	Spannon, Mary (collected by) Spannon, Mary (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Photograph, 1998.14.4 Photograph, 1998.14.5 Photograph, 1998.14.6 Photograph, 1998.14.8 Currency, 1998.14.A-G
ACCESS POINTS	Purse

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Cream-colored hand-crocheted drawstring purse. The drawstrings near the top create a soft ruffling effect and have three large crocheted almond shaped drops dangling from the strings on each side.

Four square panels of delicate, intricately crocheted background provide support for three-dimensional crocheted roses with one large crocheted almond shaped drop dangling from each rose's center. They are connected at the edges, forming a beautiful semi sheer overlay for the cream-colored silk purse underneath. There is a rose at the center where the corners of all four squares meet, and one decorative almond shaped drop on each outside edge where the top and bottom squares meet.

At the bottom, three clusters of those almond shaped drops embellish the center and each corner; each cluster containing three drops.

ORIGIN

"Purse" originally referred to a small bag used for holding coins, while "Handbag" would refer to a bigger bag used to hold a woman's personal items.

CITATION

Purse, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 09/12/26.