

Knitted Simple Stitch Purse

Finished size, approximately 9 inches wide and 7¼ inches tall, without handle.

Materials – We use Coats and Clark TLC Heathers, a worsted weight yarn, about 4 ounces, divided equally in half. Knitting needles, 1 Pr, US # 10 ½, plus a button 1 inch in diameter, 2 metal D Rings about 1 ¼ inches wide, and crochet hook for handle, size K.

Gauge - 3 sts = 1 inch

Directions: make 2 purse sides the same as follows:

Holding 2 strands together cast on 24 sts.

Row 1 – Knit in front and back of first st, * P 1, K 1 * repeating between *'s across to last 2 sts, K 1, then in last st, P in front and back of st. (26 sts)

Row 2- P in front and back of first st, * K 1, P 1 * repeating between *'s across row to last 2 sts, ending P 1, knit in front and back on last st (28 sts)

Rows 3 and 4: * P 1 , K 1, * repeating across.

Rows 5 and 6: * K 1, P 1 * repeating across,

Repeat rows 3 through 6 until length from beginning is about 7 inches, ending either on row 3 or 5. Next row, bind off in stitch pattern as established.

Sew sides and bottom of the 2 purse sides together. Sew "D" rings, on to top each side of purse.

Handle: With Crochet hook and 2 strands held together, Chain 71. Sc in 2nd chain from hook and each chain across. Fasten off. Insert handle through D rings, making sure it is not twisted, then sew ends together. NOTE – Purse can be used as a shoulder bag with one strap up over shoulder or regular bag, having handle folded in half.

Top Closure: With 1 strand of yarn, cast on 15 sts. DO NOT knit, but bind off in knit st.

Sew ends together to form circle. Sew circle end to top center of one side of bag.

Sew button to opposite side of front of bag, having button centered. Weave in any yarn ends to wrong side.

