

WP18. Sweet Little Purse

(A great evening bag!)



This little purse is not only a great evening bag, it is also a good size for teens and children. Make lots for gifts!

Finished size: about 7 inches high and 7 inches wide

Materials: Thick worsted weight yarn, about 2 ounces, a 16 inch circular needle size 8 for purse, and a pair of 14 inch length knitting needles size 6 for handle tie

Gauge: 9 sts = 2 inches and 6 rows = 1 inch

Directions;

Beginning at bottom of purse, with circular needle, cast on 62 sts. Join, being careful not to twist sts. Place a marker for beginning of round.

Round 1: * K 2, P 2 * around to last 2 sts, K 2.

Round 2: * P 2, K 2 * around to last 2 sts, P 2.

Repeat these 2 rows for pattern until about 3 inches from beginning of work.

Not change to stockinette stitch. (knit each round on circular needle)

Work in stockinette stitch until entire purse measures 6 inches from beg of work.

Start top band: K 2 tog, * P 2, K 2 * repeating between *'s around, ending K 2 tog.

Next round: K 1, * P 2, K 2 * repeating around, ending P 2, K 1.

Repeat this last round once more.

Eyelet round: K 1, * YO, P 2 tog, K 2 * repeat between * around, ending with YO, P 2 tog, K 1.

Now work the round as above: K 1, * P 2, K 2* repeating around, ending P 2, K 1.

Work this last round 2 more times. Bind off in the ribbing stitches as established.

Turn purse inside out, lay flat, and sew a flat seam, straight across bottom of purse.

Pick up the "points" of both sides of the seam, bring together to center and "tack" together to hold in place. (See photo)



Turn purse right side out.

Handle Tie: With #6 needles, cast on 95 sts. DO NOT knit, but bind off in knit stitch.

Cut yarn, thread tie in and out of eyelet holes near top of purse. Make an overhand knot at end of ties. Trim all ends even.