

Blue Mtn. Handcrafts

because a fiber addiction is cheaper than bail....



Easy Round Bottom Drawstring Mini Purse

This is a simple round bottomed, drawstring "mini" purse that I came up with as I needed something to hold my keys, cell phone, ID, and money......my purse was taking up to much room in my knitting bag;). It's a great little wristlet and has my 9 year old daughters stamp of approval for a little girls purse as well. When done in bulky/chunky wool it will stand on its own. The purse can be felted, novelty yarn can be added where desired or other embellishments. The finished purse is approx. 6" tall and has a 4" diameter round flat bottom. Other types/weights of yarn can be used to make the bag but it will change the size etc, of the bag. All bags pictured are done with Bare Sheep Yarn Company wool (from left to right: single ply chunky wool, chunky wool, worsted New Zealand wool using two strands at a time).

You will need:

- *Size 7 DPN's--I used 8" DPN's
- *4oz. Bulky weight wool
- * 1 beginning round marker
- * 1 row counter
- * crochet hook size G or whatever you can find

Gauge:

- 4 stitcher per 1"
- 6 rows per 1"

Stitches:

I—Increase, knit one in front and in back of same stitch before slipping onto right hand needle

BO—Bind Off

Here we go!

- 1. Cast on 18 stitches over 3 DPN needles leaving a 5-6" tail
- 2-3. Knit
- 4. K1, I, K1, I, K1, I across each needle (27 stitches)
- 5-6. Knit
- 7. K1, I, K1, I, K1, I, K across each needles (39 stitches)
- 8-9. Knit
- 10. Purl
- **while working row 11 is a good time to bring in the 4th DPN, 10 stitches per needle
- 11. Knit 10, I 1, Knit to end of round(40 stitches)
- 12. K2, I, K2, I, K2, I, K across each needle (52 stitches)
- 13-32. (20 rows-now you need the counter). Knit
- 33. * BO2, K4* repeat to last stitch, K1 (You will have 4 stitches in between BO's-2 stitches on the last one)
- 34. *cast on 2 stitches and slip them onto right hand needle-these will be to replace the BO stitches in row 33, K4* repeat to last 2 stitches, K2

35-37. Knit

38. Bind Off

Use tail of beginning cast on and run through original cast on stitches pulling bottom closed (crochet hook is very handy for this). With crochet hook, pull thread to inside of bag and weave in loose end.

Cords: make 2 approx. 22" long each

the cords for the bag can be made by crocheting a chain, making an I-cord, etc.....it's up to you. I prefer crocheting a chain.

Run cord through eyelets and knot ends together. Repeat on opposite side of the bag with the 2^{nd} cord.

Felt and embellish if desired.

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