

Suzzane's Purse
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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width: 6.5 inches
Height: 4.5 inches
Depth: 1.25 inches

MATERIALS

Cascade 220 [100% wool; 220 yd per 100g skein]; color: 8505 (White); 1 skein (a half skein is sufficient)

1 set US #10.5 double-point needles
1 set US #10 double-point needles
crochet hook
tapestry/yarn needle
approx. 120 4mm pearl beads
stitch marker
2 stitch holders

GAUGE

16 sts/20 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch (pre-felting)

ABBREVIATIONS

DVD: double vertical decrease. Insert right needle into the next two st on the left needle as to knit and slip to right needle. Knit the next st on the left needle. With left needle, pull both slipped st over the knit st.
k2togBO: knit two together bindoff. K2tog, put resulting st back on left needle, repeat around.
M1: make one.

PATTERN

Cast on 30 st.

Knit every row (garter stitch) for 12 rows.

Turn and knit one more row, then pick up 6 st from short side onto DPN, pick up 30 st from long side onto another DPN, pick up 6 st from other short side onto another DPN. Place marker (72 st on needles).

Knit around until sides measure 3 inches; stop at marker.

1st dec row: slip marker, k2, k2tog, k22, ssk, k2 (completes one long side); k6 (short side); k2, k2tog, k22, ssk, k2 (long side); k6 (short side). (68 st on needles).

Slip marker and knit around for 5 rows.

2nd dec row: slip marker, k2, k2tog, k20, ssk, k2 (completes one long side); k6 (short side); k2, k2tog, k20, ssk, k2 (long side); k6 (short side). (64 st on needles).

Slip marker and knit around for 5 rows.

3rd dec row: slip marker, k2, k2tog, k18, ssk, k2 (completes one long side); k6 (short side); k2, k2tog, k18, ssk, k2 (long side); k6 (short side). (60 st on needles).

Slip marker and knit around for 3 rows.

Slip marker, k24 (back flap); k1, DVD, k2 (side); bind off 24 st using k2togBO (front); k2, DVD, k1 (side).

Place the last 4 st you just knit onto holder.

K24, place the remaining 4 st on left needle onto holder. (24 st on needles).

Turn work and purl 1 row.

Work in st st for 6 rows. The knit side should be on the outside.

K12, M1, k12. (25 st on needles). Purl 1 row.

Work in st st for 4 more rows, ending on WS.

At this point, measure out approximately 360 inches (10 yds) of yarn and break yarn.

Thread 32 beads onto yarn from cut end.

Bead row 1: k2, *k1 with bead, k1, repeat from * to last st, k1.

Purl 1 row.

Bead row 2: k3, *k1 with bead, k1, repeat from * to last 2 st, k2.

Purl 1 row.

Bead row 3: same as bead row 1.
Purl 1 row.
Knit every row (garter stitch) for 4 rows.
Bind off all st using basic knit bindoff.

Choose one of the sides and join yarn (you may have enough left over from your cut yarn after binding off). Using smaller needles, knit 4 st every row (garter stitch) until strap measures 9 inches. Graft to the 4 live st on opposite side using 3-needle bindoff, making sure that the strap is not twisted.

FINISHING

Make sure that all beads are even and on RS of work. I placed the beads so that they were on the right side of the "V" of each knit stitch. Weave in all ends.

Felt bag in washing machine until desired dimensions are achieved. Block into shape. I found that I needed to use a steam iron to get the bag smooth and even (I placed a folded washcloth inside the bag to facilitate ironing).

To make the beaded bow (optional), thread 60 beads onto a piece of scrap yarn with a knot at one end. Shape bow, but do not tie. I had 18 beads in each bow loop, and 12 beads in each bow end. Thread 3 beads onto another piece of scrap yarn. Use this piece to gather the bow at center and tie in back. Tie the open end of the bow. Using yarn needle, poke the two ends of the tie yarn through the front flap and tie securely.

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