

itty bitty bag

This is just the perfect little parcel, specifically made to stash those tiny things that we like to carry around with us...whether it is our cash stash, our mp3 players, a favorite lip gloss...you name it! It's so easy to whip one of these little guys up on your EvenKnit Sock Loom or other fine gauge loom of your choice.



Gather it:

Knitting Loom:

Fine/Extra Fine Gauge Loom with at least 32 pegs. The EvenKnit Sock Loom was used in both samples.

Yarn: Small amount of #1 sock yarn. About 50 yds of Patons Kroy Socks Jacquards in *Fern Rose* and *Country Jacquard* were used in samples.

Notions:

Tapestry Needle, Knitting tool, 3-4mm Crochet Hook, Small Decorative Button, Lobster Clasp or Lanyard

Gauge: 15.75 stitches and 22 rows on 2 x 2 inch swatch

Stuff you need to know:

The completed little baggies measure 2"x4" and were created in the round. The following pattern is for this particular process. If you do not have an adjustable fine gauge loom which will let you create a round using only 32 pegs, then just create the project as a flat panel and stitch up the open side after the fact.

If you desire a baggie that is a different measurement, then just increase/decrease your pegs used and rows knitted to suit your needs. ;)



Ready, Get Set, GO!

Cast on to your loom using 32 pegs in the round, in any manner of your choosing.

Using the knit stitch, knit 40 rows in the round.

Using the Basic Bind Off method, BO pegs 1-15.

For the remainder of the pattern, make peg numbers 16-32 your new 1-17.

Panel knit 2 rows in the following pattern:

Row 1: Slip Stitch first peg, knit pegs 2-17

Row 2: Slip Stitch peg 17, purl pegs 16 & 15, knit pegs 14-4, purl pegs 3 & 2, knit peg 1.

Begin Decreases for Flap, using the following 2 row pattern, repeating 4 times, until you have 9 stitches left on the loom.

Row 1: Decreases: Lift the third loop in from each edge (for first decrease row this would be peg 3 and 15) and hold. Move the second loop from each edge to the empty pegs (for the first row this would be peg 2 to peg 3 & 16 to 15). Replace the held loops back to their original pegs, above the new loops. Move both the outside loops over one to fill the empty pegs (for the first row this would be peg 1 to peg 2 & peg 17 to 16).

Work the row: Slip Stitch first peg, Knit remaining pegs to the end of the row, knitting the pegs that have 2 loops together as one.

Row 2: Slip Stitch first peg, Purl pegs 2 & 3 in row, Knit all pegs, until you reach the 3rd from the last peg. Purl the 3rd and 2nd to last peg, Knit the last peg in the row.

Button Hole and Flap Point Rows:

Row A: Create the same decreases as before, but you will also move the loop from the 5th peg to the 4th peg. Knit these 2 loops together as one and cast a new loop onto the now empty peg 5 when working the row.

Row B: Work as previous row 2.

Row C: Work as previous row 1.

Row D: Slip Stitch first peg, Purl 2nd peg, Knit 3rd (center) peg, Purl 4th peg, Knit last peg.

Row E: Decrease only on the center (3rd) peg for this row. Slip Stitch 1st peg, Knit the remaining 3.

Row F: Slip Stitch the first peg, Purl pegs 2-4.

Bind off the remaining 4 pegs using the Basic Bind Off method.



Holding the baggie flat and in line with the opening, stitch the bottom edges closed. You may use a variety of methods to accomplish this, such as a whipstitch, mattress stitch, single crochet, or a decorative blanket stitch.

To finish the top edging and add the useful little clip, I single crocheted around the entire opening, with an added little loop of about 6 chains on one corner. The crocheted chain was inserted through the clip, and then attached back onto the corner of the baggie, knotting securely.

Close the flap and mark the place where the button needs to be attached...sew it on securely.

Weave in all ends invisibly to the inside of the bag...slip in your tiny treasures and you're ready to go!



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