



PLENTY OF PURSES

Hand or machine knitting pattern

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Make multiple covers to snap onto purchased handles. Projects is quick, can be made by hand or on any machine and is a good teaching tool. Use up odds and ends of yarn. Experiment with fancy stitches and weave in furry yarns. Have a purse for every outfit!

SKILLS FOR THIS PROJECT:

- Casting on
- Binding off
- Decreasing
- Seaming knits
- Optional buttonhole



SELECT VALUES TO FILL IN THE BLANKS FROM THE CHART

1. Cast on _____stitches. Machine knitters use crochet cast on
2. Knit_____ rows
3. Decrease 1 stitch each side every row _____* times until _____remain *use number opposite STITCH gauge on chart to select values in this step
4. Knit even for _____rows. OPTIONAL REFINEMENT: make 3 evenly spaced buttonholes _____ rows before binding off. OPTIONAL SHORTCUT: no snaps or buttons, just sew bag to handles. IF HANDLES ARE EXTRA THICK: knit extra rows in this step. This is the part of the knitting that wraps around the handles. It must encircle the handle with room to spare for buttons, snaps or a seam.
5. Bind off.
6. Make a second piece exactly like the first
7. Place pieces right side together and seam across bottom and up sides to where decreases begin. Sew large snaps or suitable buttons on the rows knitted in step 4, positioned so that they will fasten around purse handles.

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 Purchased e-patterns are similar in format though usually much larger

Gauge in Sts or rows per inch**	Step 1: Cast on stitches	Step 2: rows knitted	Step 3: number of decreases (use st gauge)	Step 3: Stitches still knitting	Step 4: rows to knit even	Step 4: buttonhole placement _ rows before BO
2	20	16	6	8	6	1
3	30	24	9	12	9	2
4	40	32	12	16	12	2
5	50	40	15	20	15	3
6	60	48	18	24	18	3
7	70	56	21	28	21	4
8	80	64	24	32	24	4
9	90	72	27	36	27	5
10	100	80	30	40	30	5
11	110	88	33	44	33	6
12	120	96	36	48	36	6

** stitch gauge is used to select values for steps 1 and 3. Row gauge is used to select values for step 2 and 4. Chart is constructed so that the right values will appear though stitch and row gauges differ. If gauge is not a perfect match, select the closest number. Slight differences will be unimportant for this project.

Diagram below shows the shape of one side of the purse

