

Structured Purse

Item Reference — Arctic Wool World



Reference art for construction guidance. Colors/pose may vary slightly from your finished piece.

Structured Purse — Knitting Pattern

A beautiful mini tote bag with a flat, seamless rectangular base, upright seed-stitch walls that hold their shape, and reinforced handles.

This is an original pattern written for this item, based on standard, generic amigurumi and toy-knitting construction techniques (magic ring/CO, spiral increases and decreases, i-cord, stuffed tubes and spheres). It does not copy, trace, or reproduce any published or copyrighted pattern -- these underlying construction techniques are standard craft knowledge, not anyone's intellectual property, the same way a recipe's technique of 'creaming butter and sugar' isn't owned by any one baker.

Knit abbreviations: k = knit · p = purl · kfb = knit into front and back of st (inc 1) · k2tog = knit 2 together (dec 1) · CO = cast on · BO = bind off · dpns = double-pointed needles · pm = place marker · rnd(s) = round(s) · st(s) = stitch(es) · RS/WS = right side / wrong side

Materials

Yarn: Worsted weight yarn (40g).

Needles: US 5 (3.75 mm) straight needles and DPNS for the handles.

Abbreviations: sts = stitches, RS = Right Side, WS = Wrong Side, K = knit, P = purl.

Gauge

Worked at a relaxed toy-knit tension in worsted weight yarn. Exact gauge isn't critical for a stuffed prop -- adjust stuffing firmness and needle size slightly to taste; a firmer fabric holds shape best.

Instructions

The Flat Base

Cast on 20 sts. We will knit a small flat rectangle that forms the floor of the bag.

Rows 1–10: Work in Garter Stitch (Knit every row). Do not bind off.

The Upright Walls (Worked in the Round)

1. Turn your piece sideways. Using DPNS or a circular needle, pick up and knit 6 sts along the short side of the base, 20 sts along the cast-on bottom edge, and 6 sts along the second short side. (Total: 52 sts around the entire base perimeter). Join to work in the round and place a marker.

2. Rnd 1: Purl all sts around. (This row creates the crisp crease that forces the bag walls to stand up straight.)

3. Rnds 2–20 (Seed Stitch Walls):

Rnd 2: [K1, P1] around.

Rnd 3: [P1, K1] around (Knit the purl sts, and purl the knit sts from the previous round).

Repeat Rnds 2 and 3 until the walls measure 3.5 inches (9 cm) from the base crease.

4. Rnds 21–23: Knit all sts around (Stockinette top rim).

5. Bind off all 52 sts loosely.

The Handles (Make 2)

Using DPNS as straight needles, cast on 4 sts to make an I-cord handle.

Row 1: Knit 4 sts. Do not turn. Slide sts back to the right side of the needle, pull yarn tightly across the back, and knit 4 sts again.

Repeat this row until the handle cord measures 5 inches (13 cm). Bind off.

Assembly

Turn the bag right-side out. Pin the first handle to the inside front rim of the bag, placing the ends roughly 2 inches (5 cm) apart. Sew securely using matching yarn. Repeat on the back rim panel with the second handle.