

Toddler's Purse

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During a recent stash bust I started knitting and came up with a purse for my "soon to be two years old" granddaughter.

Finished Size: 3 ½ inches by 5 ½ inches

Gauge : Not important for this project

Materials:

small amounts of: Chenille Yarn and Novelty Yarn
(for this project I used Chenille Yarn by Sterling Collection and a novelty yarn called Flag by Dark Horse Yarn)
Size 10 ½ needles
Crochet Hook size H or use DPNs

Instructions:

Working the 2 yarns together, cast on 18.

Row 1: Knit across

Row 2: Knit across

Row 3: K2, (yo, k2tog) to last to stitches, K2

Row 4: Knit across

Row 5: Knit across

Row 6: Knit across

Row 7: Purl across

Repeat row 6 and 7 (stockinette stitch) until ½ the length desired for purse. (I did 12 rows)

Over next 4 rows, continuing in stockinette pattern, increase first and last stitch (26 stitches)

Over next 4 rows, continuing in stockinette pattern, decrease first and last stitch (18 stitches)

Continue stockinette stitch for another 12 rows (or matching your alteration).

Repeat row 3.

End with 2 rows Knit across, then bind off loosely.

Bottom reinforcement:

With Chenille only, cast on 20 stitches. Work garter stitch (knit each row) for 8 rows. Bind off loosely.

Attach this piece to the inside section(wrong side) where the triangle increase/decrease is. This is the bottom of the purse. Stitch the 2 short sides and one long side. Slide a piece of plastic canvas cut to fit this area into the piece and stitch the other end. This give some firmness yet retains flexibility to the base of the purse.

Sew the side seams.

For the handle:

OPTION 1:

using a crochet hook (I used size H) chain 96 or any to obtain the length desired. SC in 2nd from hook and in each chain across. Chain 1, turn and SC across for 2nd and 3rd row. Fold piece in half and stitch together.

OPTION 2:

Using DPNs, make an i-cord to desired length.

Slide the completed handle through the holes created by the YO stitches at the top. Stitch the handle together (if desired).

Stuff with small items to please the little one and watch for smiles upon receipt.

