



Fairy Yarn Mother @ the Rowayton Library

with Nancy Jo Rambusch

Garter Stitch Purse

You can knit this purse in a solid color or add some contrasting stripes on the flap to match your button.



Materials:

- 1 skein Vanna's Choice worsted weight acrylic yarn. (170 yards – you can use any worsted weight yarn)
- knitting needles size eight (straight or circular)
- 1 Crochet Hook, size J or smaller.
- 1 yarn needle
- 1 large button or bead.

Gauge:

16 stitches = 4"

26 rows = 4"

Finished measurement of purse: 8 ½" wide x 7" inches deep

CO (Cast On) 34 stitches.)

K (knit) every stitch, knit every row until piece measures 14".



Begin flap. Continue knitting every row in the same color or adding stripes of 2 or 4 rows (can be a variety) because knitting an even number of rows will bring your yarn back to the same side and you can carry it along without having to cut, knot or weave in the ends. Continue knitting every row until the piece measures 19". Loosely bind off the edge of the front flap. Fold the bottom 7 inches up and stitch the side seams together.

FRONT FLAP Single crochet 17 stitches on front flap, then create a chain loop large enough to accommodate your button. (Approx 20 stitches) Single crochet the remaining 17 stitches on the front flap.

SHOULDER STRAP Measure out 12 strands, each 72" long. If you have used a contrasting yarn, include some of these in your strands. Tie a knot 4" from the end. Divide the strands into three groups of four strands each. Have a buddy hold the end or pin it to a pillow and braid it to within 5" from the other end. Make another knot to secure the braid.

Stitch the braided shoulder strap to both sides of the purse, aligning the knots with the lower corners. If necessary, trim so that the tassels are even on both sides.

Fold the front flap over and sew the button to the front of the purse so it will be in the center of the loop. You may want to anchor the button to a plain button on the inside of the front of the purse so it doesn't stretch out the stitch to which it is attached. Weave in all ends.