



Travel Go Lightly Purse

This versatile purse makes a fun and functional accessory. Use as a purse, small project bag or a doggie pouch to hold all of their necessary accessories when you're walking them. It's very handy, keeps your hands free, comfortable to wear and sturdy. The project knits up quickly with 2 strands of Sensations Bulky yarn. There's no need for a lining unless, of course, you have some nice material you're inspired to use and don't mind a little sewing. Accessorize with a nice shawl pin or snazzy stitch markers.

Easy (basic knitting knowledge required) You will learn how to knit with 2 strands of yarn and make an I-cord.

Finished size

X 10"/25.4cm, Circumference 16"/40.6cm

Gauge using 2 strands knit together.

8 sts/ 16 rows = 4"/10 cm

Always remember to check your gauge. When substituting yarn for this project, you may have to go up or down a needle size to reach your gauge.

Materials

2 skeins Sensations, 3 ½ ozs, 100 gms, 87 yds, 80 meters, 100% wool, Super Bulky #6, Color #2347 Licorice. Substitute with Rowan Big Wool, Malabrigo Yarn Rasta.Merino Super Bulky, or yarn of similar weight.

US Size 17 (12.0 mm) straight knitting needles

US Size 17 (12.0 mm) DPNs

Large eye tapestry needle

Abbreviations

k—knit

st(s)—stitch(es)

DPNs—double pointed needles

I-Cord- a narrow tube of knitting.

Cast On 16 sts with 2 strands (pull a strand from each skein)

Pattern

Knit every row for 21"/53.3 cm (also known as Garter Stitch)

Bind off. Fold your knit strip so that you have a back, front, and flap. Adjust to desired configuration. Turn your work inside out (WS) and seam the sides with 1 strand of yarn.

Strap

x 41"/104.1 cm or length desired.

Using 1 strand of yarn, cast on 5 sts on your US S size 17 (12mm) Dpn's and begin your I-cord strap and leave a long tail. You will be using the tails to attach the strap to the inside of the purse. t (you can use 3 to 5 sts when making an I Cord).

Knit one row, but don't turn your work. Just slip your knitting to the other end of your DPN, and work the "wrong" end of your knitting. Pull the yarn tightly along the back of your knitting, and continue to the next knit row. Repeat for 41"/104.1 cm or to desired length. Note: Pull the working yarn tightly along the back of your work and knit the next row. For further help, please refer to the video links on page 3.

Attach each end of the I cord to each side of your purse opening. (about ¼"/0.6 cm from the top on the inside). You may also single crochet a strap if you prefer.

Resources:

Making an I Cord, Knitting Tips by Judy

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=icGj6tpqeJA>

KnittingHelp.com: Knitting Tips

You will have to scroll down toward the bottom of the page to find it. There is a **Continental version** and **an English version**.

How to make an I-cord <http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/knitting-tips>



The I cord is attached to each side (on the inside) by using 1 strand of yarn and weaving it along the edges and through the middle to secure the strap to the purse. Weave in your ends. Block if desired.

To Block

Always check the yarn's washing, drying, and ironing instructions before blocking. Dampen your knitted project and lay flat on blocking board or surface. Smooth to desired size and shape, and pin with rustproof pins. Let dry undisturbed overnight or until dry.

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