

PATCHWORK KNITTING: ART DECO PURSE

Homework and Materials

For you to practice some of the techniques used in making this purse, please bring the following materials and do the following homework:

Materials

Yarn- DK or Sport weight. This purse uses 3 colors. From my experience, I suggest you bring, both the yarn and the colors you really like. The sample you create can serve as a model for further work or be the beginning of your Horst Schulz inspired purse.

Needles- Bring compatible sized needles for your yarn: I used # 5 & 8(for the slip stitch rows). For finishing you'll need 2 #5 circular needles, the 24" length is ideal.

Accessories- Scissors, measuring tape, pencil and paper.

Homework

Make a swatch and practice the following:

Casting on

1. Make a slip knot, and knit a stitch.
2. Slip the new stitch onto the left needle.
3. Knit the next stitch from that stitch.

This method allows you to cast on when you only have one thread available. It also allows for an easy pick up.

Edge Stitch

1. Always knit into the back of the 1st stitch.
2. Place your right hand needle into the next stitch and give a little tug before completing the stitch.
3. Work across row & slip the last stitch as if to purl with yarn in front, (S1yf).

Correct edge stitches are essential. They are needed to make picking up stitches as easy as possible.

A Slip-stitch pattern.

1. With A, cast on an odd # of stitches.
2. With A, K1B, Knit across row, S1yf.
3. With B, K1B, *K1, Slip 1 yarn in back, (S1yb), repeat from *, end K1, S1yf.
4. With B, K1B, *K1, S1yf, repeat from *, end K1, S1yf.
5. With A K1B, Knit across row, end S1yf.

Repeat rows 2-5 for practice.

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Classroom Etiquette

Due to some student's allergies, I ask that you refrain from using perfume.