

An Extra Pocket



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You know the one. That pocket that you need to keep your cell phone in, when your beautiful new dress pants don't have any pockets at all.

Materials:

- about 25 g leftover fingering weight yarn. (Roughly 120 m. I used Dyed in the Wool Handmade Bamboo. Colourway is Satsuma)
- 3 mm double pointed needles
- tapestry needle for making up.

Gauge: 18 stitches x 19 rows, over 5cm (2 inches) in knit 2, purl 2 ribbing, slightly stretched.

Time to get our hands out of our pockets:

Cast on 37 stitches, distribute evenly over 3 needles and join into a round (being careful not to twist stitches) by knitting the first stitch together with the last stitch. 36 stitches on needles.

Next round: *knit 2, purl 2. Repeat from * to end of round.

Continue in knit 2, purl 2 ribbing until work measures 10 cm (4 inches). Work knit 2, purl 2 ribbing for 19 stitches, transferring these stitches onto one needle. Slip 1st stitch onto

end of 3rd needle. Bind off needles 2 and 3. 18 stitches remain on needle 1.

Next row:

Working back and forth, continue in ribbing, as set, and slipping the first stitch of every row, until flap measures 5.5 cm (2-1/4 inches). Bind off.

To make up:

Fold flap over, so that it overlaps the body of the bag by a few rows. Sew up each side of flap, then sew up bottom seam.

I cord strap:

Using a double pointed needle, cast on 8 stitches. Knit all stitches, slide stitches to the other end of the needle, tug the yarn to the beginning and continue knitting. You will be working in a circular fashion, and, once there is a little length on the knitting, you will find you have created a narrow tube. Continue knitting in this manner until your tube is as long as you want it. Mine was about 80 cm (33 inches). Sew onto body of pocket, having ends level with bottom edge. This gives support and stability, and helps keep the flap closed, when there's something in the pocket.

Enjoy!

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