



Work Pocket

Sts: Pick up pocket and begin using pocket stitches in place of the sts moved to waste yarn. [k4, p4] four times, k4.

Work Rest of

Front Sts: Resume working with remaining body sts. P2, sm, k until end of needle.

On second needle of back, k across to marker, sm, work next 40 sts in pattern (row five of Chart A), sm, k to end of needle.

Even Round: On first needle, k across to marker, sm, work next 40 sts in pattern (starting on row six of Chart A), sm, k to end of needle. Repeat for second needle.

Repeat Even Round until bag reaches desired height, ending with having completed either row 4 or row 8 of Chart A.

PLEATS AND REDUCE

Reduce: On first needle, k across to marker, sm, [k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog] five times, sm

First Pleat: Move next 3 sts to DPN, move the next 3 sts to another DPN. 3 sts remain on left needle. Fold these 3 sets of 3 sts like an accordion to resemble a Z with left needle held in the back. [Knit the first st of all 3 needles together] repeat two more times.

Second Pleat: On second needle, move 3 sts to DPN, move next 3 sts to another DPN. Fold these 2 DPNs behind the left needle like an accordion to resemble a Z with left needle in the front. [Knit the first st of all 3 needles together] repeat two more times.



Reduce: Continuing on second needle, sm, [k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog] five times, sm.

Third Pleat: Continuing on second needle, move next 3 sts to DPN, move the next 3 sts to another DPN. 3 sts remain on left needle. Fold these 3 sets of 3 sts like an accordion to resemble a Z with left needle held in the back. [Knit the first st of all 3 needles together]

repeat two more times.

Fourth Pleat: On first needle, move 3 sts to DPN, move next 3 sts to another DPN. Fold these 2 DPNs behind the left needle like an accordion to resemble a Z with left needle in the front. [Knit the first st of all 3 needles together] repeat two more times. 74 sts (37 per needle)

Begin Ribbing: Continuing on first needle, [k1, p1] repeat until end of needle. On second needle, [k1, p1] across needle.

Even Ribbing: On first needle, [p1, k1] across. On second needle, [k1, p1] across.

Work Even Ribbing round 3 more times. Bind off with preferred method.

FINISHING POCKET

Move all pocket sts from waste yarn to circular needle. 36 sts.

Reduce: On RS with new yarn, k2, [k2tog, k1, k2tog] 6 times, k2tog, k2. 23 sts.

Rib: On WS, [p1, k1] 11 times, p1

Work sts as they appear 4 more rows. (knit the knit sts, purl the purl sts.) Bind off using preferred method.

Sew sides of pocket ribbing to purse using invisible stitches.

Sew down the inside of pocket to inside of bag.

HANDLES

Make two. CO 5 sts, work in garter stitch until handles are 23 inches long or preferred length. You can slip the first st of every row if you desire. Bind off using preferred method.

Sew one handle to the inside of bag at each side of front. Sew the other handle to the inside of back at each side of back.

If you want to line the bag and handles, make linings, attach to purse and handles, then attach handles last.

LINING

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Measure the width and length of each handle and cut a strip of fabric to the exact size. Turn the edges under 1/4 inch and sew them right next to the edge. Ironing them under first helps a lot. Lay the handles out straight on a table and place the fabric strips on top of each one. Pin the fabric to the handles being careful to not stretch the knitted handles (or the fabric won't fit). Use tiny invisible back stitches to sew

the fabric down, making sure to catch some yarn with each stitch.

LINING THE BAG

Flatten the bag. Measure from the top of the bag to the bottom. Measure the width of the honey comb panel from side to side. Cut a piece of fabric twice the height and once the width plus whatever material will be in the seam (I add 5/8 inch to each side, the standard seam measurement.) You do not need to add for a seam for the height because it will curve up in the bag like a U with no seam.

Pockets: If you want pockets, now is the time to cut them and add them. Cut a rectangle of fabric the size of the pocket plus seams, turn the edges under and sew them next to the edge to keep the edges under. Place pocket where desired on lining and sew in place.

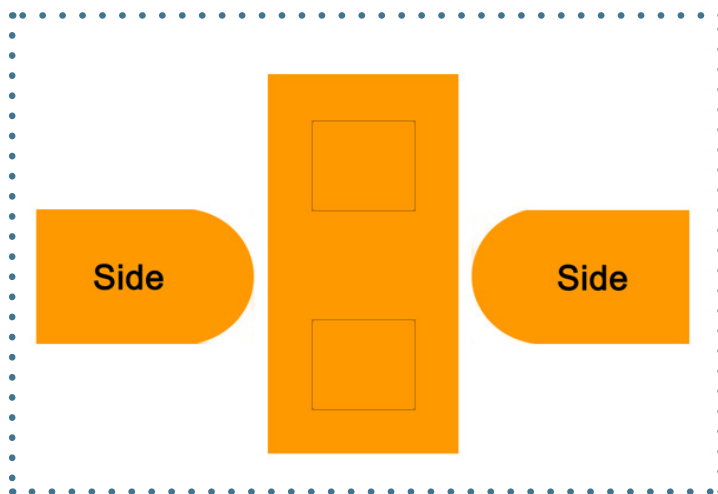
The Sides: Measure the width of the side of the bag at it's fullest point. Cut 2 rectangles that are the height of the flattened bag and the width of the bag at it's fullest point plus seams (5/8 inch for each side for me).

Now for the tricky part: You will need to make a curve shape at the bottom of each side rectangle that matches the curve of the bag, keeping in mind that you will also need to add 5/8 inch around for the seam. I took the bag and laid it on it's side on top of the fabric and drew around the curve.

ASSEMBLY

You will need to attach each curved side to the long rectangle middle, with right sides together. The long rectangle middle piece will U around the curve of each side. I started in the middle of the long side of the large rectangle and the middle of the curve of a side piece and pinned it around to the top and then sewed it under the machine. I then pinned the other side of the curve starting in the middle and worked my way up. Ditto for the other curved side piece.

The pleat: Now, you need to reduce the top of the lining to match the pleat on each side. I accordion-folded the sides of the lining to mirror the pleats on the side of the bag and sewed them 1/2 inches from the top edge of the lining and then again 1 1/2



inches from the top edge of the lining

Closures: Now's the time to add any magnetic closures you might want to add. You will want to add a little more heft in there to support the closures, like a small piece of interfacing

Insert the lining into the bag and fold over the top of the lining to the wrong side to the height that you desire. Pin it or mark it somehow and take it to the iron and iron it down to make it neat and/or sew the top of the lining down. Insert it back into the bag and hand stitch it to the bag. I used tiny invisible back stitches making sure that I caught some yarn with every stitch.

If you want to line the front pocket, measure the height and width of the pocket interior. Cut a rectangle double the height and one width plus seams (5/8 inch per side for me). Fold the rectangle in half height-wise with right sides together and stitch both sides. Fold over top edge 1/4 inch and then again 1/4 inch and sew it down. Add any magnetic closures, if you like. Insert into pocket and stitch into place.

Attach handles to bag at inside edges.

You can get crazy with this and add iron-on interfacing to the lining to give the bag more structure. I used an iron-on thin batting from my local quilting store. I ironed it on to the pieces before assembly. Your imagination is the limit.

ABBREVIATIONS

sm — slip marker
pm — put marker
k — knit
p — purl
k2tog — knit 2 stitches together
p2tog — purl 2 stitches together
st(s) — stitch(es)
m1 — make one stitch (an increase)
twist 4 left — Slip the next 2 sts onto cable needle and hold at front of work, p2 from left needle, then knit the 2 sts from cable needle
twist 4 right — Slip the next 2 sts onto a cable needle and hold at back of work, k2 from left needle, then purl the 2 sts from cable needle

