

Earbud Pouch

This snug little pouch will keep earbuds safe, untangled, and easy to find in a bigger bag. The perfect gift either on its own or with a pair of earrings or some wrapped candies tucked inside, it knits up in the time it takes to watch a movie and uses up the remains of other projects. Shown in sport weight merino wool; any sport weight can be substituted.

Materials

- Twisted Fiber Art Playful (100% superwash merino, 360 yards/120 grams), 12 yards
- 1 set 2.5mm double-pointed needles or size to obtain gauge
- darning needle

Gauge

34 sts, 48 rows = 4" in st st

Finished Dimensions

2 7/8" tall, 2 5/8" wide

Abbreviations

K: knit.

Ktbl: knit through back loop.

K2tog: knit two together.

LRI: left raised increase (K1, then lift 2nd wrong-side purl nub below the stitch just knit on right needle, and transfer it to the left needle. K the st, being careful not to twist the st).

P: purl.

RRI: right raised increase (raise the purl nub that is below the first st on the left needle, K the raised loop, then K the next st on the left needle).

ssk: slip the next 2 sts as if to knit, and then knit them together.

st(s): stitch(es).



Directions

Using 2.5 mm double pointed needles, cast on 32 sts to divide over four needles (8 stitches each) and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist. Your cast-on tail will serve to mark the beginning of the round.

Ribbing

Round 1: *K2tbl, P2; repeat from * to end of round.

Repeat Round 1 six times more, for a total of 7 rounds of ribbing.

Pouch

Rounds 1, 3, 5: Knit.

Round 2: [K1, RRI, K12, LRI, K1] twice – 36 sts.

Round 4: [K1, RRI, K14, LRI, K1] twice – 40 sts.

Round 6: [K1, RRI, K16, LRI, K1] twice – 44 sts.

Rounds 7-16: Knit.

Round 17: [K1, ssk, K16, K2tog, K1] twice – 40 sts.

Rounds 18, 20, 22, 24: Knit.

Round 19: [K1, ssk, K14, K2tog, K1] twice – 36 sts.

Round 21: [K1, ssk, K12, K2tog, K1] twice – 32 sts.

Round 23: [K1, ssk, K10, K2tog, K1] twice – 28 sts.

Round 25: [K1, ssk, K8, K2tog, K1] twice – 24 sts.

Cut a 10-12" tail and transfer stitches from the needle at the start of the round to the needle that currently holds the stitches you have been knitting immediately after them. Transfer the stitches from the needle at the end of the round onto the needle that currently holds the stitches you have been knitting immediately before them. You now have 12 sts on each of two needles that lie flat against each other, with the curve of the decreases lying flat at either side of the needles, and the tail trailing from the right of the back needle.

Kitchener Stitch

Setup: Thread your darning needle into the **1ST** stitch on the **FRONT** needle as if to **PURL** and draw it through the stitch, under the needles so it's not crossing the area you want to graft. Then thread your needle into the **1ST** stitch on the **BACK** needle as if to **KNIT**.

Thereafter: Thread your darning needle into the **1ST** stitch on the **FRONT** needle as if to **KNIT** and slip it off the end of the needle. Thread your darning needle into the **2ND** stitch on the **FRONT** needle as if to **PURL** and leave it **ON** the needle. Take your needle under the two knitting needles and thread it into the **1ST** stitch on the **BACK** needle as if to **PURL** and slip it off the end of the needle. Then thread it through the **2ND** stitch on the **BACK** needle as if to **KNIT** and leave it **ON** the needle.

Repeat these steps until you reach the last stitch; pull the yarn through and slip it off the needle, then run in ends.

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These buds are just peeking out – they tuck inside with room to spare!