

Cascade Greenland Piggy Purse



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Materials: 1 ball Cascade Greenland #3531, 2 eye buttons measuring 3/8", 1 nose button 7/8", set of #5 double pointed needles, D crochet hook, tapestry needle, thread, 7" zipper, pins.

This little piggy. . . is created by knitting 3 flat circles. The 2 larger circles are sew together to make the body and the smaller circle is the face. The circles are knit from the center out using Emily Ocker's circular cast on. If you are not familiar with the circular cast on you can view a video tutorial at youtube.com
Kfb (knit front, back) = increase 1 stitch by knitting into the front and back of the next stitch.

M1R (make 1 right) = Use left needle to lift the horizontal bar between needles from back to front, knit into the front of the lifted stitch.

M1L (make 1 left) = Use left needle to lift the horizontal bar between needles from front to back, knit into the back of the lifted stitch.

Piggy face

With D crochet hook use the Emily Ocker circular cast on to cast on 9 sts. Transfer sts to double pointed needles.

Knit 1 round.

*Kfb, repeat * around. = 18 sts.

Knit 3 rounds.

*kfb, repeat * around. = 36 sts.

Knit 5 rounds.

Loosely bind off all sts. (If you are a tight knitter use a needle size larger to bind off)

Piggy body (make 2)

With D crochet hook use the Emily Ocker circular cast on to cast on 9 sts. Transfer sts to double pointed needles.

Knit 1 round.

*Kfb, repeat * around. = 18 sts.

Knit 3 rounds.

*kfb, repeat * around. = 36 sts.

Knit 6 rounds.

kfb, repeat around. = 72 sts.

Knit 4 rounds.

Loosely bind off all sts. (If you are a tight knitter use a needle size larger to bind off)

Weave in all ends and steam block circles flat.

Piggy ears (make 2)

Use double pointed needles to cast on 3 sts.

Slip 1, knit 2

Slip 1, purl 2

Slip 1, M1R, k1, M1L, k1 Slip 1, purl 4

Bind off all sts.

Piggy legs (make 2)

Use double pointed needles to cast on 5 sts.

Knit 5 rows.

Bind off all sts. Weave in ends.

Piggy assembly

Attach zipper to the 2 body circles (one at a time). Pin the zipper in place so the knit fabric is almost covering the zipper (as shown in photo 1). Temporarily baste the zipper into place with thread so that you can remove the pins. Turn to back side and whip stitch the zipper as shown in photo 2. Turn back to the right side and use thread to backstitch the zipper just under the bound off edge of the body circle. Attach the zipper to the other body circle the same way.

Sew eyes and nose buttons into place on the smaller face circle as shown in cover photo.

Sew ears in place by attaching base of each ear to the back of the piggy's head.

Sew piggy face to the center of the body circle. To do so, use a backstitch just inside the bound-off edge of the piggy face.

Make a piggy tail by knitting a 2 ½" Icord, or use crochet hook to chain a few stitches. Sew tail into place and manipulate tail to twist by rolling the tail between your fingers.

Attach piggy legs by sewing the top of each leg to the bottom (backside) of the front body circle. Each leg should stick out about ½".

Hold piggy with wrong sides facing and the zipper ends tucked in. It is time to stitch the pig!

Start at one end of the zipper and sew the front and back together by going into the "V" of each bound off edge stitch and bring needle through the "V" of each bound off edge stitch of back circle (As shown in photos 3 and 4). Weave in ends. Fill with pennies and Enjoy!



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