

Beaded Mini-Purse

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Finished Size: 6 1/2" long X 4" wide

Materials: Mandarin Petite Egyptian Cotton Yarn and Size 6 Glass Beads (~250 beads are needed) – one tube); Shown in Seagrass with Deep Teal Beads, or Deep Salmon with Smoke Topaz Rainbow Beads

Needles: US Size 2

Abbreviations:

RS = right side of work

WS = wrong side of work

Rep = repeat

YO = yarnover = bring yarn forward before knitting the next st (as if preparing to purl); when the next st is worked, the yarn will wrap around the needle, creating an additional st and a decorative hole (the next st counts as a separate st and is not part of the yarnover)

K2tog = knit 2 sts together (creates right slanting decrease)

SSK = Slip first stitch on left needle as if to knit. Slip next stitch on left needle as if to purl. Insert tip of left needle in the front, through both slipped stitches. Wrap yarn around tip of right needle and then knit these two stitches together (creates left slanting decrease)



Bead Technique #1 = slip bead between two sts as follows: slide bead tightly against last st worked; knit the next st. The bead will be positioned on the running thread between the 2 sts.

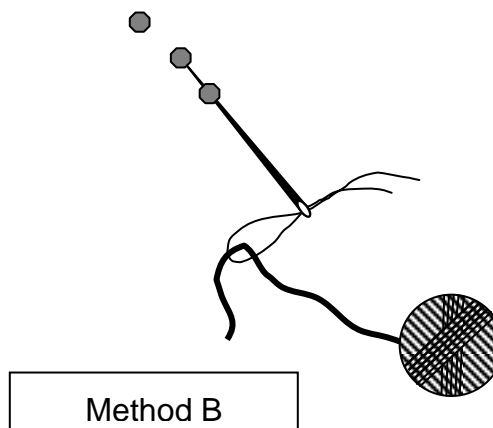
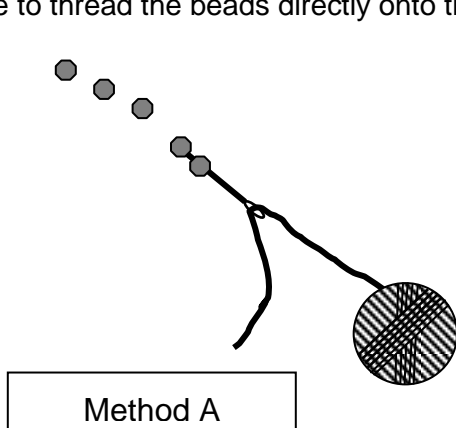
Bead Technique #2 = bring yarn to front of work, slip next st as to purl, slip bead close to last st worked, move yarn to back of work; knit next st. Bead will be positioned in front of the slipped st.

Before starting the Mini-Purse:

String 250 beads onto yarn. As you knit the Mini-Purse, you will need to push the beads along the yarn.

Method A: thread yarn onto a small tapestry needle and then string the beads. If the yarn proves too large to go through the hole of the bead, try **Method B:** use a thread loop and insert the yarn end through the loop.

Still having trouble? Dip the yarn end into finger nail polish and allow to dry. Use end as a makeshift shoelace to thread the beads directly onto the yarn.



Start *Beaded Mini-Purse*:

Using Size 2 needles and long-tail method, cast on 26 sts. Knit one (1) row.

Using Bead Technique #1:

Bead Row (WS): k3, [slip 1 bead, k4] x 5, slip 1 bead, k3.

Repeat this row 10 more times (11 total), ending on a WS row.

Next Row (RS): Knit.

Next Row (WS): Purl.

Next Row (RS): k3, [YO, k4] x 5, YO, k3. (32 sts)

Next Row (WS): Purl.

Start 6-Row Bead Pattern for body of Mini-Purse:

Rows 1 & 5 (RS): Knit.

Rows 2, 4, & 6 (WS): Purl.

Row 3, Using Bead Technique #2:

Row 3 (RS): k3, [slip 1 bead, k4] x 5, slip 1 bead, k3.

Work Rows 1-6 for 18 times total. Work Rows 1-4 once more (19 bead rows worked).

Next Row (RS): k2, [SSK, YO, k2tog, k1] x 6. (26 sts)

Next Row (WS): Purl.

Next Row (RS): Knit.

Using Bead Technique #1:

Bead Row (WS): k3, [slip 1 bead, k4] x 5, slip 1 bead, k3.

Repeat this row 10 more times (11 total), ending on a WS row.

Next Row (RS): Knit.

Next Row (WS): Bind off all sts as to knit.

Block by gentle steaming. Fold in half and sew each side seam. Make two twisted cords as follows.

Twisted Cords (make 2)

For each cord: cut 3 pieces of yarn 100" long. Tie the 3 ends together and tape securely to a table or countertop. Straighten the strands to their full length, keeping them taut. Twist cord in a clockwise motion, **not letting go**, until the strand is **extremely tightly twisted**. Pinch the cord in the center and bring the two cut ends together. Allow them to twist together -- **DO NOT LET GO OF THE CORD ENDS**. You may need to pull on the cord to smooth out the kinks. Tie the two ends together and trim neatly. Tie a knot in the twisted end of the cord and trim it to match the other end. Repeat for second cord.

Weave the first cord through the eyelet row, starting and ending at a seam. Tie the two ends together.

Repeat for the second cord, starting and ending at the opposite seam.