

SISTER! SISTER!

My sister and I used to knit oodles of these little garter stitch and stockinette stitch pouches when we were little girls. The buttoned garter stitch version is the perfect size for credit cards, business cards, or all of those “frequent-user” cards (like the one from the yarn store!). I keep all of my larger jewelry (like the Hope Diamond) in the stockinette stitch pouches.

Get creative with the sizes of your pouches, and with the closures.

Use whatever yarn you like – now you know what to do with all those partial balls of leftover yarn!



Size (garter stitch version)

The garter stitch version is approximately 4 inches by 2 ½ inches, buttoned.

Materials (garter stitch version)

- Yarn – a single strand of a DK weight or sport weight yarn. 10 grams (3/8 of an ounce) were used for each of the garter stitch models shown.
- Needles – U.S. size 6 (4.0 mm) needles, or size needed to hit gauge.
- Darning needle
- Two safety pins
- Button

Gauge (garter stitch version)

5 stitches per inch

Key

K2tog = knit two stitches together.

Garter stitch pouch

Cast on 20 stitches.

Knit every row until piece measures 5 inches in length.

Place safety pins in the first and last stitches of the last row worked.

Decrease row: K2tog, knit to end.

Repeat decrease row until 10 stitches remain.

Buttonhole row: K2tog, knit 3, yarn over, k2tog, knit 3.

Repeat decrease row until 4 stitches remain.

Bind off.

Finishing

Fold cast on edge up to ridge marked with safety pins. Sew narrow sides together.

Weave in ends.

Sew button in place.

Insert credit cards, and go shopping!

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Size (stockinette stitch version)

The stockinette stitch version is approximately 5 inches by 3 inches.

Materials (stockinette stitch version)

- Yarn – two strands of worsted weight yarn, or a single strand of a bulky yarn. 20 grams (3/4 of an ounce) were used for each of the stockinette stitch models shown. Add a little strand of mohair to make your pouch soft and elegant!
- Needles – U.S. size 6 (4.0 mm) needles, or size needed to hit gauge.
- Darning needle

Gauge (stockinette stitch version)

Approximately 3 stitches per inch

Stockinette stitch pouch

Cast on 26 stitches.

Row 1: Knit across

Row 2: Purl across

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures approximately 5 ½ inches in length.

Bind off.

Finishing

Fold narrow edges to the center, allowing them to overlap for about an inch. Sew in place along the cast on and bound off edges.

Weave in ends.

When you're not wearing your diamond and emerald brooch, carefully lay it inside your custom-made jewelry pouch, place it in the vault, and know it's being kept safe and warm!

Note

The side edges of plain stockinette stitch will roll toward the purl side of the fabric. If you want to prevent this from happening, work the first and last two stitches of each row in garter stitch (knit every row). Your two rows would then look like this:

Row 1: Knit across

Row 2: Knit 3, purl to last three stitches, knit 3.

