

Vintage Coin Purse



1 ball of size 5 perle cotton in each of powder blue and white. For 5 inch version, minimal amounts are needed.

Ring for closure (should have at least a 1-inch opening)

5 double pointed needles – US size 1, 2.25mm

Tapestry needle

Optional:

Beads – size 6/0 or 8/0

Material for lining

This is a replica of a 19th Century coin purse called a vase purse. In the original version, the white parts were beaded. It can be worked either way. I would recommend, because such a small amount of thread used, that the beads be pre-strung. Starting out with double pointed needles on such a small number of needles can be a bit challenging. Working close to your lap or on a table top can help with juggling the needle and slick thread.

When changing colors, wrap the new thread under the old but don't cut. The stripes are small enough that you can color the thread up through the changes.

With powder blue thread, cast on 8 stitches, work 1 row and join the round.

Round 2 – *K1, yo* repeat around.

Round 3 – Knit around.

Round 4 – Repeat round 2.

Round 5 – Knit around.

Round 6 – *K2, yo* repeat around.

Round 7 – Knit around.

Round 8 - *K3, yo* repeat around.

Round 9 – Knit around.

Round 10 – Knit around

Round 11 – *K4, yo* repeat around

Round 12 – Knit around

Round 13 – Knit around

Round 14 – *K5, yo* repeat around
Round 15 to 19 – Knit around (80 stitches)

Change to white and knit 1 round plain.
Purl 5 rounds.

Change to blue thread and knit 1 round.
Round 2 – *K8, K2tog* repeat around.
Round 3 – Knit around.
Round 4 - *K7, K2tog* repeat around.
Round 5 – Knit around.
Round 6 – Knit around.

Change to white thread and repeat white section above.

Change to blue thread and knit 1 round.
Round 2 – *K6, K2tog* repeat around.
Round 3 – Knit around.
Round 4 - *K5, K2tog* repeat around.
Round 5 – Knit around.
Round 6 – Knit around.

Change to white thread and repeat white section above.

Change to blue thread and knit 1 round.
Round 2 – *K4, K2tog* repeat around.
Round 3 to 6 – Knit around.

Change to white thread and repeat white section above. When you've finished this section, you can cut the white thread leaving a tail of about 10 inches.

Change to blue thread and knit 1 round.
Round 2 – *K1, P1* repeat around
Round 3 – *K1, increase 1, P1* repeat around.
Round 4 - *K2, P1* repeat around.
Round 5 – *K2, P1, increase 1* repeat around.
Round 6 – *K2, P2* repeat around.
Round 7 – * K2, P2* repeat around.
Round 8 – *K2, increase 1, P2* repeat around.
Round 9 – *K3, P2*, repeat around.

Repeat Round 9 until the piece measures 2 inches from the last white section. (100 stitches)

Change to white thread for the i-cord bind off as follows.

I-cord bind off – cast on 3 stitches with white thread. Slip the stitches onto the front of needle one. The now unused blue thread can be cut and slipped inside to be out of way.

The cast on white threads will be to the left of the stitches you've just slipped onto the first needle.

*Knit 2 stitches, knit 1 white stitch and one blue stitch together.
Slide the stitches from the right needle back onto the left needle.*

Repeat from * to * until all stitches are bound off, leaving 3 stitches on the needle.

Pick up 3 stitches from the cast on edge, making 6 stitches on the needle. I actually got a 3rd needle and transferred 1 stitch from the cast on edge and 1 stitch from the end edge and repeated across. I think this helped the handle stitches lay a bit flatter.

To continue with the handle, knit the 6 stitches in stockinette stitch, making sure the knit stitches are facing the outside. Knit for 8 inches. Bind off.

Before joining the handle to the top of the first white round, slide the closure ring onto the handle and pull the top of the coin purse through the opening. Join the handle to the top of the first white round.

Work in the ends of the threads.

This purse can be lined, if desired. The version shown has not been lined. The lining should not extend past the last white band. Use a very light-weight fabric.

Cut a circle to match the bottom of the purse with a little left over for seam allowance. Cut a strip of fabric to fit the height (plus room for a hem) and circumference of the purse. Seam the top strip of fabric and then sew to the bottom. With the seams facing the knitted fabric, hem the fabric and attach to the top of the last white section.

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