



## **Midnight Sky Purse**

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#### **Materials:**

**Knitting Loom: Regular gauge loom with a minimum of 35 pegs.**

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**Notions: Yarn Needle, Scissors, Crochet hook, 3/4" shank button, 9x15" piece of fabric for lining**

#### **NOTES:**

**k2tog - Place loop on right peg to peg left. Knit off using your working yarn. Move the loops over to get rid of the empty peg. You can move them as you knit them off.**

**ssk - Place loop on left peg to peg on right. Knit off using the working yarn.. Move the loops over to get rid of the empty peg.**

**Double Decrease - You will be dealing with three pegs. Pick up the middle peg, then pick up the loop to the left. Place the loop from the left peg on the middle peg, place the middle back on the middle peg, then place the loop from the right peg on top of the middle peg. You should now have 3 loops on the middle peg. Knit off the three loops using your working yarn. Move the loops over to get rid of the empty pegs.**

#### **Instructions:**

**Cast on 35 pegs using the cable cast on.**

**Place slip knot on peg 35 (this will set you up to begin row 1 at the right. You will be working from right to left.)**

**R1. Knit across**

R2. Purl across

R3. Knit across

R4. Purl across

R5. Knit across

R6. P5, k25, p5

R7. Knit across

Repeat rows 6 & 7 until piece measures 14 ½" , ending with row 6.

**FLAP**

Row 1: K5, k2tog, knit to last 7 stitches, ssk, K5 (33 stitches)

Row 2: P5, k to last 5, P5

Rows 3-24: Repeat rows 1 & 2. There should be 11 stitches at the end of row 24.

R25. K4, double decrease, k4

R26. P4, knit to last 4, p4

R27. K3, double decrease1, k3

R28. P3, knit to last 3, p3

R29. K2, double decrease, k2

R30. P2, knit to last 2, p2

Bind off using the basic bind off method

leaving an 8-10" tail. Thread yarn through needle and make a stitch in the first row of Row 30, thus making a loop for button. Weave in ends.

**Finishing:**

With right side up, fold 7" from the bottom towards the top. Sew side seams by whip stitching it together. Turn right side out.

**Lining:**

Fold cotton fabric in half lengthwise and sew side seams. Press lining under around top edge. Tack into place. Fold flap over and sew button centered on front approximately 4 1/2-5" down from cast on row.

**Handle:**

Cast on 3 stitches leaving about a 10 inch tail. Knit a 36" 3 stitch i-cord.

<http://site.loomknit.com/files/lcord.pdf> Bind off leaving a 10" tail. Sew strap on top edge of each side.

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