

## Pencil Pouch

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*A pencil case patterned with seed stitch diamonds, finished at the top with a series of eyelets through which a cord is threaded.*

**Size:** approximately 9" around, 9½" long

**Gauge:** 6.5 stitches and 9 rows per inch in stockinette stitch

**Needles:** 2 US size 2 (2.75mm) circular needles, or size to attain gauge

**Yarn:** Sport or DK weight yarn (approximately 150 yards)

**Note:** you can use a worsted weight yarn knit tightly to achieve the gauge. This has the advantage of making a firm fabric, which is desirable for this design

### Abbreviations:

K – knit

K2TOG – knit 2 together

M1 – make 1

P – purl

SSK – Slip one stitch, then slip the next. Insert left needle into the front loops of the slipped stitches and knit them together from this position (through the back loops)

YO -- yarnover

**Note:** This pouch is knit from the bottom up, uses a cast-on usually used for toe-up socks, and is worked in the round. The advantage to this is that there is very little finishing you need to do once you are done with the knitting.

### Directions:

Using the 2 needles and the Turkish Cast-on method, (or another “toe-up” cast-on method like the Figure-8 Cast-on), cast on a total of 40 stitches – 20 on each needle. Work the stitches as described in your cast-on method and on the next round increase 4 stitches thusly:

Needle 1: K 1, M1, knit until the last stitch, M1, K1

Needle 2: K 1, M1, knit until the last stitch, M1, K1

Then knit a round without increasing.

**Note:** When you work the “M1” increases, you can do a lifted increase, or knit in the front and back of a stitch,

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have a total of 60 stitches, 30 stitches on each needle. Start working the chart.

You will work the 15 stitches of the chart a total of 4 times around your pouch. Work rounds 1 – 12 a total of 6 times (72 rounds), then work rounds 13 – 15 once. Finish the top of your pouch by knitting straight for 4 rounds, then working in seed stitch (k1, p1 around) for 2 rounds. Bind off loosely in seed stitch and weave in the ends.

### Make a chain:

You can either crochet a chain or make an i-cord chain. Alternatively, you can use a purchased cord. Work the chain for 24", then bind off and finish the ends. Thread the chain through the eyelets created by the double-YOs, and knot the two ends of the chain together.

For an extra sturdy pouch, make a fabric lining and carefully sew it inside the pouch below the eyelets.

