

Beyond Rectangles

A series of learning patterns
by Midnight Knitter

Learn how to increase (k f&b)
while making this purse!

MATERIALS

- ◆ Blue Sky Alpacas Bulky
-one skein of color 1004
polar bear
- ◆ US 13 needles



INSTRUCTIONS

FRONT

- cast on 10 sts
- Row 1: k across
- Row 2: p across
- Row 3: k1, k f&b, k to 3 sts from end, k f&b, k2
- Row 4: p across
- Row 5: k1, k f&b, k to 3 sts from end, k f&b, k2
- Row 6: p across
- Row 7: k1, k f&b, k to 3 sts from end, k f&b, k2
- Row 8: p across
- Row 9: k across
- Row 10: p across
- Row 11: k across
- Row 12: p across
- Row 13: k across
- bind off knitwise
(which creates a nice edge for stockinette stitch)

BACK

- make another piece same as front

STRAP

- cast on 48 sts
- Row 1: k across
- Row 2: k across
- bind off knitwise
- take the length of yarn from cast on edge and weave it into the end, pulling it tight to create a point. do the same for the bind off edge.

ABBREVIATIONS:

k = knit

p = purl

sts = stitches

k1 = knit next stitch

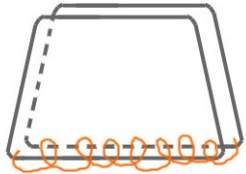
k2 = knit each of next 2
stitches

k f&b = knit into front and
back of next stitch

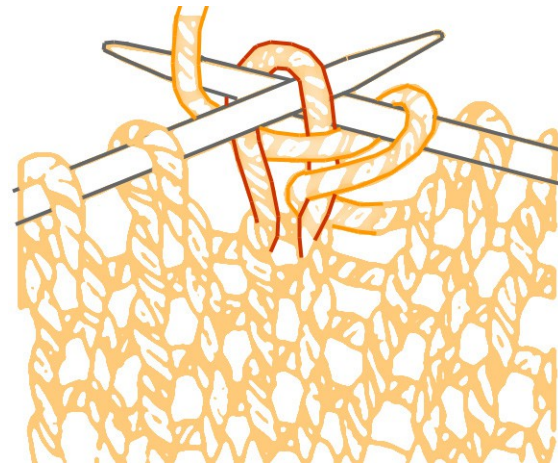
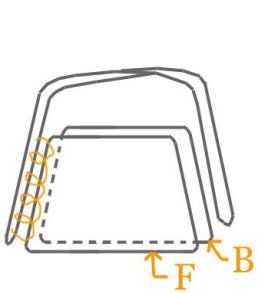
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INSTRUCTION

FINISHING

-place front and back together with wrong sides facing each other, sew bottom with blanket stitch or any other stitch you prefer



-place strap as shown below, sew together left and right edges to create the sides of the bag; the knitted handle is sewn to create the sides of the bag.



EXTRA INSTRUCTIONS FOR ROW 3, 5 and 7

k f&b = knit into front and back of next stitch

you are creating an extra stitch

- knit into front of stitch, just like regular knitting
- do not drop either stitch from left or right needle
- bring right needle to back of work again, around the point of left needle
- insert needle into the back loop of same stitch on left needle, knit that loop
- drop stitch from left needle.

you now have one extra stitch on the right needle!