

Time for Change

By Jess Strassburg
(aka Jess Stress1701)

*A classy coin purse
for classy people.
Stitched in two versions
for beginner or intermediate
knitters.*



Materials:

- About 60 yds. of a Fingering Weight yarn
(I used Pattons North American Kroy Socks FX in Clover Colors for the Bamboo version
and Premier Yarns Serenity Garden (Sport) in Grass for the Arched Cables Version)
- US 2/2.75mm needles
- Cable needle for Version two only
- A 3"/7.5mm Rectangular, metal, purse clasp
- E6000 Permanent Craft Adhesive (Can be found at any craft store)
- a few clothes pins or binder clips to hold it together while it dries (optional)



Abbreviations:

Knit	K
Purl	P
Yarn Over	Yo
Cable 4 Back	C4b
Cable 4 Forward	C4f

Special Notes on Construction and Gauge:

There are three things to remember when making this coin purse.

First, check your clasps. These directions are only for the clasps that have open sides. The type that has rounded corners would use different instructions.

Second, measure your clasp. When checking your gauge, you only want about one or two stitches to over hang each side. Too big will mean things fall out, too small and the sides won't attach correctly.

Third, depending on your gauge, you may need to adjust the stitch directions. I tend to knit loosely, so I had to guess and check a few times before I found the right number of cast on stitches that worked for my clasps and side pieces.



Body Version One: Bamboo Stitch

Gauge: 3.25" = 30 stitches

Skill: Easy

Awesome video tutorial, please check out Johnny Vasquez's Tutorial
at <http://newstitchaday.com/how-to-knit-the-bamboo-stitch/>

Cast On: Multiples of 2 (30 stitches)

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS:

Row 1: Beginning on the RS * yo, k2, pass yo over k2; rep from * to end. (Right Side)

Row 2: Purl all sts (Wrong Side)

Repeat rows 1 – 2 until you have reached desired length

Bind off all stitches.



Body Version Two: Arched Cables

Skill: Intermediate

Gauge: 3.05" = 26 stitches

Awesome video tutorial, please check out Johnny Vasquez's Tutorial at

<http://newstitchaday.com/how-to-knit-the-arched-cable-stitch/>

Cast On: Multiples of 24 + 2 (26 stitches)

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS:

Row 1 (RS): Knit

Row 2: K1, p to last st, K1

Row 3: K1, * c4b, k4, c4f; rep from * to last st, k1

Row 4: K1, p to last st, K1

Row 5: Knit

Row 6: K1, p to last st, K1

Row 7: K3, c4f, c4b, *k4, c4f, c4b; rep from * to let 3 sts, k3

Row 8: K1, p to last st, K1

Repeat these 8 rows until you have reached your desired length.

BO all stitches.



Sides (make 2):

Decide how wide you want your purse to open.

Cast on enough stitches to achieve this desired width.

Next, fold the body in half and measure the length of the side from the bottom to a row shy from the top.

Using either garter stitch or stockinet stitch, knit the correct length and decrease as needed to achieve the shape you want.

Construction:

Fold body in half, Right sides out. Take two sides pieces and stitch with a scrap of yarn into place, lining up top of side piece to second row from top of body. Make sure top is secure.

Take your E6000 glue and run a generous bead of glue inside the metal channel of the clasp.

Evenly line up the top edge with the edge of the purse clasp, with hinges on outside, and start to push it into the channel. Use a tweezer or toothpick to help. Try not to get glue everywhere, but it will dry clear. Use the clips to secure in place if needed. Let dry overnight. If you want to, stitch bottom of clasp (small hole) to purse side to prevent shifting.

For an amazing construction tutorial, check out <http://www.seriouscraft.com/blog/tutorials/crafts/rectangular-purse-frame-tutorial>