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Parallelogram Purse

This shape purse is easy to make, and can be knit, crochet, or even loom knit. The diagonal shows off a striped yarn.

Knit

Yarn and appropriate size needles, or 1-2 sizes smaller for tighter work
stitch marker - to remind you to decrease

Cast on between 25 and 50 stitches for a girl-sized purse. This will be about the diagonal of the height of the purse.

Row 1 - slip 1st stitch knit wise, knit in the front and back of the next stitch, knit across until 3 stitches remain, knit 2 together, place marker, knit last stitch.

Row 2 - slip 1st stitch knit wise, knit across.

Knit rows 1 & 2 until purse is the size wanted. A straight measurement (not the diagonal) from the cast on row will be 1/2 the width of the purse.

With right sides facing and cast on row next to current row, bind off using the 3-needle bind off. (Or bind off normally and sew or crochet the cast on and bound off rows together). Sew (or crochet) one of the other open sides together for the bottom. Attach a handle of choice.

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Crochet

Yarn and appropriate size hook, or 1-2 sizes smaller for tighter work

Begin with foundation single crochet for 25-50 stitches. This will be about the diagonal of the height of the purse.

Row 1 - chain 1, single crochet in first stitch, 2 single crochet in next stitch, crochet across until 3 stitches remain, crochet next 2 stitches together, single crochet in last stitch. Turn work.

Row 2 - ch 1, sc across. Turn work.

Work rows 1 & 2 until purse is the size wanted. A straight measurement (not the diagonal) from the foundation row will be 1/2 the width of the purse.

With right sides facing and foundation row next to last row worked, slip stitch or single crochet these 2 rows together. Sew (or crochet) one of the other open sides together for the bottom. Attach a handle of choice.

