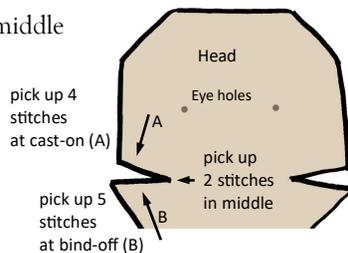


middle stitch, then knit 3 middle stitches together and knit to end of row. Knit next row. Repeat from \* until you have 3 stitches left. Knit these 3 stitches together. Repeat for other ear.



**Feet** Feet are worked separately, then sewn on purse. Use yarn single and cast on 16 stitches. Distribute stitches over 2 needles. Join to knit in the round (it will feel a little awkward at first knitting in the round on 2 needles—but it will be easier than using a third needle) and knit 3 rounds. Next round: \*knit 2, knit 2 stitches together; repeat from \* to end of round. Knit 1 round. \*knit 1, knit 2 stitches together; repeat from \* to end of round. Next round: \*knit 2 together; repeat from \* to end of round. Pull yarn through remaining stitches. Pull yarn tail through to inside of foot and darn in—but don't cut end. Use yarn tail as stuffing to give feet a rounder look. Sew cast-on edge to bottom of purse—slightly in from edge (see picture on front). Repeat for other foot.

**Purse drawstring:** using yarn double and crochet (chain stitch) or braid cord 20" long and thread through eyelet round in border (to close purse, loosely tie string).

**Purse strap:** using 4 strands of yarn together, crochet (or braid using 8 strands of yarn) strap in the length desired. Sample is 18" long. Attach straps to back of purse below ears.

**Finishing:** felt purse in washing machine (hot water wash, hot water rinse, add mild soap). Or felt by hand. Air dry. Add eyes: insert shaft of eyes through eyelet holes and add washer on inside. Sew on nose and stitch whiskers.

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# MiniMeow Purse

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- Size:** about 6" tall and 5" wide
- Yarn:** 1 skein of Morehouse Merino Gator Yarn (sport weight with tight twist, 225 yards)
- Needles:** set of double-pointed US # 4 or #5
- Gauge:** about 6 stitches = 1 inch over pattern
- Other material:** two 15mm plastic eyes, small piece of felt for nose, small amount of scrap yarn for whiskers

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Wind skein into 2 balls.

Purse is knit from the bottom up. The flat bottom is knit back and forth and the body of the purse will be worked in the round.

The bottom of the purse, the head, and the ears are knit with yarn doubled.

**Bottom of Purse** Use yarn double (knit from both balls of yarn) and cast on 20 stitches. Knit 10 rows. Continue with single yarn (break off one of the strands). Next row: \*knit 3 stitches, knit next stitch 2x (knit stitch, but don't drop stitch off left-hand needle; knit into same stitch again, but this time through the back of the stitch). Repeat from \* to end of row = 25 stitches total. Use a new needle and pick up stitches at side, along the 10 rows you just knit: pick up 1 stitch per row = 10 stitches. Use a new needle and pick up stitches along cast-on edge: pick up 1 stitch per stitch and every 4th stitch, pick up 1 extra stitch = 25 stitches total. Use a new needle again and pick up stitches along side same as before = 10 stitches. You now have a total of 70 stitches. From now on you'll be knitting in the round for body.

**Body** Join with stitches on first needle and start knitting in the round in pattern.

## PATTERN

**Round 1** \*knit 1, slip 1 stitch (slip stitch as if to purl stitch, with yarn in back); repeat from \* to end of round

**Rounds 2 & 4** knit

**Round 3** \*slip 1 stitch (again, with yarn in back), knit 1; repeat from \* to end of round.

Repeat these 4 rounds until purse measures 4½" from beginning of pattern (not including bottom).

**Border** Finish body with a border: use yarn double again and work next round as follows: \*knit 3 stitches, knit 2 together; repeat from \* to end of round = 56 stitches. Purl 1 round; then knit next round.

Next, work eyelet round (for threading purse string through): knit first stitch, \*purl 2 stitches, yarn over, purl 2 stitches together; repeat from \* to last 3 stitches, end round with purl 2, yarn over, then purl last stitch together with first stitch from next round – put stitch on first needle. Knit 1 round, then purl 1 round.

Next round: knit the first 20 stitches, then bind off remaining stitches (to bind off last stitch, slip stitch over first stitch at beginning of round).

**Head** Use the 20 stitches you have left for head. Use yarn double for entire head. Work head as follows:

**Rows 1-2** Knit

**Rows 3-10** Knit and increase 1 stitch at beginning of each row (work increases as follows: knit first stitch, don't drop stitch off left-hand needle; knit into same stitch again through back of stitch) = 28 sts.

**Row 11** Bind off the first 5 stitches, knit to end of row.

**Row 12** Bind off the first 5 stitches, knit to end of row (18 stitches). At end of row cast on 4 stitches using e-loop cast-on = 22 sts

**Row 13** Knit row and at end of row cast on 4 stitches = 26 stitches

**Row 14** Knit row

**Rows 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29** Knit

**Row 16** Knit the first 7 stitches, purl to last 7 stitches, knit those 7 stitches

**Row 18** Knit the first 5 stitches, purl to last 5, knit those 5 stitches

**Row 20** Knit the first 4 stitches, purl to last 4, knit those 4 stitches

**Row 22** Knit the first 3 stitches, purl to last 3, knit those 3 stitches

**Row 24** Knit the first 2 stitches, purl 3 stitches, purl 2 stitches together, yarn over, purl to last 7 stitches, yarn over, purl 2 stitches together, purl 3, knit 2 (the 2 eyelet holes are for inserting eyes through)

**Row 26** Knit the first 2 stitches, purl to last 2 stitches, knit those 2

**Row 28** Repeat row 26

**Row 30** Knit the first 3 stitches, purl to last 3 stitches, knit those 3

**Row 31** Knit to last 2 stitches, knit 2 stitches together = 25 sts

**Row 32** Knit 3, purl to last 4 stitches, knit 2, knit the last 2 stitches together = 24 sts

**Row 33** Knit to last 2 stitches, knit 2 stitches together = 23 sts

**Row 34** Knit 5 stitches, purl to last 6 stitches, knit 4, knit 2 stitches together = 22 sts

**Row 35** Knit to last 2 stitches, knit those 2 stitches together = 21 sts

**Row 36** Knit to last 2 stitches, knit those 2 stitches together = 19 sts

**Rows 37 & 38** Repeat Row 36 = 17 stitches left

Bind off in next row.

**Ears:** With yarn double, pick up stitches at bind-off (the 5 stitches at beginning of head) and cast-on (4 stitches). Pick up stitches, right side facing you, as follows: 1 stitch per bind-off stitch, 2 stitches at middle and 4 stitches at cast-on (for a total of 9 stitches).

Ears are knit back and forth. Work as follows: knit first row. Next, \*knit to 1 stitch before