

The Diva Bundles are designed to give you a tidy grouping of Red Barn Yarns for a quick project or gift item. Diva bundles are also just enough to use to make braids and tassels as embellishments to other projects.

The Diva Clutch Purse is the first in the Diva Design Series developed by Red Barn Yarn for your enjoyment.

Please feel free to call us or email us if you have any questions about this or any other pattern or yarn. Enjoy your knitting, your yarn, and your project..

Using size 8 needles, Cast on 48 stitches. The gauge is approximately 4.5 sts per inch. It is important that your gauge produce knitting that is slightly on the dense side for this clutch bag, so adjust your needle size accordingly.

Knit all rows, choosing the sequence of colors to suit you, reserving a small amount of yarn to knit the closure flap if you want this to be knitted as opposed to a fabric closure. Knit every row.

To knit the closure, find the center of the knitted piece, and pick up and knit a few stitches on each side of that center, knit all rows for about 2 inches, decreasing if desired, or simply knit and bind off when the closure flap is the suitable size.

Block lightly, do not press the knitted piece, simply wet thoroughly, roll in a towel to remove the excess moisture, lay flat and true up to dry.

Finish as desired. I prefer to use the plastic canvas to provide stability to the finished product. I placed the plastic canvas in place, on what would be the wrong side of the knitting, and secured the magnetic closure. Step two, is to create the lining for the bag, measure the dimensions of the knitted piece and allow ½ " seam allowances at the sides and edges. Press lightweight fusible fleece to the wrong side of the lining up to the seam allowances. Fold the upper edges of the lining down and press in place. Fold the lining right sides together, lengthwise, and stitch across the ends. Slip the lining in place inside your bag, and hand stitch the folded down, top edge of the lining to the top edge of the knitted clutch bag. I used a tiny buttonhole stitch, and coordinating embroidery floss, as in most cases, your stitches will blend in in one area and will show in another, depending on your choice of colors and lining fabrics.

Always block your work to ensure the most professional finish. Block using your preferred wool wash, following product instructions. Lay flat to dry, making sure that your edges are true.