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Braque Purse

Materials Needed:

Yarn: Ore (G.B.C2) 3 x 50g balls (Braque Collection)
Matching plain yarn for sewing seams.
Lining for Bag (if desired)
A pair 6.50mm (US 10½), (UK 3) Knitting Needles or a size that gives correct tension. (GAUGE)

Measurements

Width (approx.) 30cm (12")
Length (approx.) 32cm (13")

Tension (Gauge)

15 Sts and 12 rows to 10 cm (4 ins) over pattern, using 6.50mm (US 10½), (UK 3) Knitting Needles.

Note: Correct tension (gauge) is essential for a successful hand knit.

Abbreviations

St/s - stitch/es, **K** - Knit, **P** - Purl, **RS** - right side,
WS - wrong side, **Garter St** - every row knit, **Stocking St** - 1 row knit, 1 row purl, **K2tog** - knit 2 Sts. together

Bag (worked in one piece)

Begin at top - Using 6.50mm (US 10½), (UK 3) Needles, cast on 40 Sts. Work 11 rows stocking St. Knit 9 rows Garter St (1st row is WS).

Begin pattern

****Next row** - Knit, wrapping yarn 3 times around needle for each St instead of once. Next row - Knit, dropping extra wraps made in previous row (this creates an elongated St) Knit 3 rows Garter St. **

Next row - (K1, increase in next St) twice, knit to last 4 Sts, (increase in next St, K1) twice = 44 Sts. Repeat from ** to ** once.

Next row - (K1, increase in next St) twice, knit to last 4 Sts, (increase in next St, K1) twice = 48 Sts. Repeat from ** to ** once.

Next row - Knit. Repeat from ** to ** once.

Next row - Knit. Repeat from ** to ** once.

Next row - Knit. Repeat from ** to ** once. Knit 11 rows Garter St (base of bag or centre of work). Repeat from ** to ** once.

Next row - Knit. Repeat from ** to ** once.



Next row - Knit. Repeat from ** to ** once.

Next row - Knit. Repeat from ** to ** once.

Next row - (K2tog) twice, knit to last 4 Sts, (K2tog) twice = 44 Sts. Repeat from ** to ** once.

Next row - (K2tog) twice, knit to last 4 Sts, (K2tog) twice = 40 Sts. Repeat from ** to ** once.

Knit 5 rows garter St. Work 11 rows stocking St. Cast (bind) off loosely.

Left gusset and strap

With right side of work facing, using 6.50mm (US 10½), (UK 3) Needles, knit up 7 Sts evenly along side edge of 9 rows of garter St at base of bag (centre of knitted piece). Knit in Garter St until work measures 61 cm (24 ins). Cast (bind) off knit ways.

Right gusset and strap

Work to correspond with Left Gusset and Strap.

Finishing

DO NOT PRESS. Using yarn needle, darn in ends. If desired, using knitted piece as a template, make a lining same size as bag. Using matching plain yarn and back-stitch, stitch side edges of gussets to side edges of bag to top of Bag, allowing 11 rows of stocking St at top of bag to roll to outside. Using a flat seam, join cast off edges of straps together. Slip-stitch lining in position.

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