



Pearl {A hand knit clutch}



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The Goods:

Needles: US size 8, 24 in. cable needles & 1 US size 8 DPN

Yarn: Berroco Lustra in Bechamel, 1 skein (197 yds/100g)

Gauge: 25 sts by 19 rows in 4 x 4 in.

Finished measurements: Clutch body~ 4.5 in. h by 10 in. w by 4 in. d. Flap~ 5 in. h by 10 in. w

Notions: 4 stitch markers, tapestry needle



Read instructions carefully before starting, there are 2 instructions happening together

Clutch Body

Cast on 150 sts and place markers as follows; 60 sts (front), PM, 15 sts (side), PM, 60 sts (back), PM, 15 sts (side), PM (make this marker distinguishable because it mark the beginning of the round as well.)

Round 1 and every odd round: Knit

R2: *P,k,p into the one stitch, k3tog; repeat from * to M, p to M, *P,k,p into one stitch, k3tog; repeat from * to M, p to M

R4: *K3tog, p,k,p into the one stitch; repeat from * to M, p to M, *K3tog, p,k,p into the one stitch; repeat from * to M, p to M

R6: *P,k,p into the one stitch, k3tog; repeat from * to M, k to M, *P,k,p into one stitch, k3tog; repeat from * to M, k to M

R8: *K3tog, p,k,p into the one stitch; repeat from * to M, k to M, *K3tog, p,k,p into the one stitch; repeat from * to M, k to M

R10: *P,k,p into the one stitch, k3tog; repeat from * to M, k to M, *P,k,p into one stitch, k3tog; repeat from * to M, k to M

R12: *K3tog, p,k,p into the one stitch; repeat from * to M, k to M, *K3tog, p,k,p into the one stitch; repeat from * to M, k to M

R11: Knit 1 st from the left needle together with 1 st picked up from the cast on edge; repeat to end of the round -- this makes a hemmed edge.

Repeat rounds 6-9 until piece measures

At the same time, once the piece measures 1 1/2 in. begin decreasing on the sides.

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Decrease round: Follow pattern until you get to the sides, Sl M, ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog, Sl M, continue in pattern to next side marker, Sl M, ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog, Sl M. (13 sts)

Repeat every 3rd row until 3 sts remain on the sides

Next decrease round: continue in pattern, Sl M, sl1, k2tog, passo, Sl M, continue in pattern, Sl M, sl1, k2tog, passo, Sl M. (1 st)

Turn piece inside out and use the Three Needle Bind-off to close up the bottom of the clutch.

Clutch Flap

With the back of the clutch facing you, pick up and knit 49 sts (you would think you should pick up 60 but with the textured pattern the body is knit in, it is tricky. 49 sts will fit the width).

Row 1 and every odd row: Purl

R2: K3, *yo, k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, yo, k1; repeat from * to last 2 sts, k2

R4: K2, *yo, k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, yo, k1; repeat from * to last 3 sts, k3

Repeat Row 1- 4 until flap measures 5 in. bind off loosely

Weave in ends and block to measurements

Make lining according to instructions on the pattern page and hand stitch in place. Enjoy your glam new clutch!



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Lining Instructions

Use an 8.5 by 11 in. piece of paper as your pattern piece and cut 2 from your lining fabric (I used Dupioni Silk).
With right sides together stitch around the perimeter using a 1/4 in. seam, leave a 2 in gap for turning.

Press seams open and trim the corners

Turn your lining right sides out and press again. Top stitch to close the gap and finish the lining.

Hand stitch in place along the knitted hem on the inside of the clutch.

Enjoy your new glam Pearl Clutch!

