

Knit Needle Case

Gauge: 18 sts = 4 in
26 rows = 4 in

Peaches 'N Cream 100% cotton,
1 ball color A (main color), 1 ball
color B (pocket color)

Notions: US #7 needles
Tapestry Needle
Stitch holder
US #7 DPNS for i-cords

Special Stitches:
kfb(ba) knit into front of stitch
with color B and purl into back
of same stitch with color A being
careful not to twist the colors



CO 75 sts with color A and US #7 needles
Divide color B into 3 smaller balls, use 1 for each pocket
Odd rows are worked with the right side facing out (pocket side) and even rows are worked over the back side

row 1: sl 1 st, with A and first ball of B kfb(ba) 22 times, with A k4, with A and second ball of B kfb(ba) 23 times, with A k3, with A and third ball of B kfb(ba) 21 times, with color A k1

The rest of the pockets are worked by double knitting. When pockets are facing you, hold color B in front and knit one stitch, then with color A purl next stitch (back of pocket). Make sure not to get the colors twisted. At the sides of the pockets do twist the colors around each other to make sure the sides are secure and closed off.

row 2: sl 1 st, work next 42 sts in double knit with A in front, with A moss st 3, work next 46 sts in double knit with color A in front, with A moss st 4, work next 44 sts in double knit with color A in front, with A k1

row 3: sl 1 st, work next 44 sts in double knit with color B in front, with A moss st 4, work next 46 sts in double knit with color B in front, with A moss st 3, work next 42 sts in double knit with color B in front, with A k1

row 4: repeat row 2

Switching colors A and B from front to back creates a natural border where the two switch, which is how the individual needle pockets are formed. These patterns show what colors to use on the knit stitches for the front of the pocket, make the corresponding purl stitches with the opposite color for the back.

Color B: ☒ Color A: ☐

Pattern 1:



Pattern 2:



row 5: sl 1 st, Pattern 1 for right pocket (should cover 44 sts counting front and back), with A moss st 4, work next 46 sts in normal double knit with color B in front, with A moss st 3, Pattern 2 for left pocket (should cover 42 sts counting front and back), with A k1

row 6: sl 1 st, Pattern 2 for left pocket (since you are on the backside make sure to reverse A and B in the pattern), with A moss st 3, work next 46 sts in normal double knit with color A in front, with A moss st 4, Pattern 1 for right pocket (once again reverse A and B in the pattern), with A k1

rows 7-10: repeat rows 5 and 6

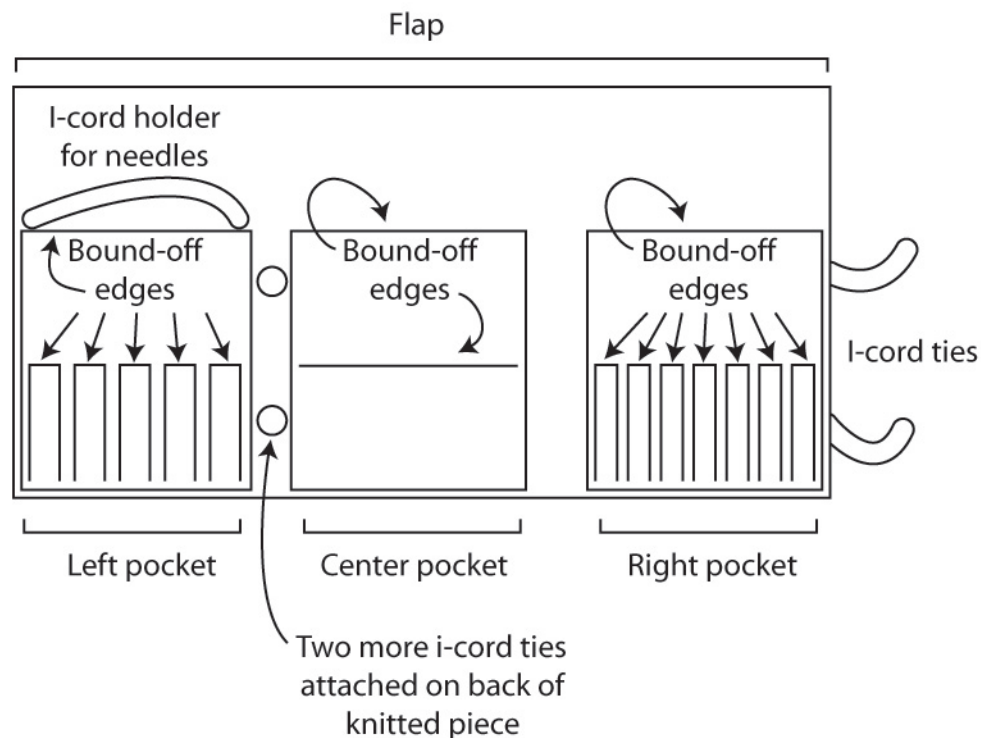
rows 11-13: repeat rows 3 and 2

rows 14-19: repeat rows 6 and 5

In this next row the openings for the needle pockets are formed by binding off part of the double knit sts in the front.

row 20: sl 1 st, *k1 color A, p1 color B, sl the next 3 purl sts onto a cable needle and knit the front 3 corresponding sts with color B, purl and bind off the 3 sl sts slipping the last stitch over the next purl stitch (which is color B), repeat from * 5 times, k1 color A, p1 color B, with A moss st 3, sl all 23 purl sts from center pocket onto spare needle and purl and bind off with color B slipping the final stitch over the next knit stitch (which is color A), with A knit front 23 sts, moss st 4, * k1 color A, p1 color B, sl the next 2 purl sts onto a cable needle and knit the front 2 corresponding sts with color B, purl and bind off the 2 sl sts slipping the last stitch over the next purl stitch (which is color B), repeat from * 7 times, k1 color A, k1 color B, with A k1

row 21: sl 1 st, over next 22 sts knit into purl bump of previous row with color B then purl into same stitch with color A to reestablish double knit, with A moss st 4, over next 23 sts again reestablish double knit, with A moss st 3, over next 21 sts again reestablish double knit, with A k1



rows 22-39: repeat rows 2 and 3, if you wish, switch the front and back colors for a few rows to create stripes on the pockets

In this next row the openings for the top pockets are formed by again binding off the front part of the double knit sts

row 40: sl 1 st, over the next 42 sts use a spare needle and sl every other st (all the purl sts) and k into all the knit sts with color A, bind off all 21 sts on the spare needle, with A moss st 3, over the next 46 sts use a spare needle and sl every other st (all the purl sts) and k into all the knit sts with color A, bind off all 23 sts on the spare needle, with A moss st 4, over the next 44 sts use a spare needle and sl every other st (all the purl sts) and k into all the knit sts with color A, bind off all 22 sts on the spare needle, with A k1

The rest of the rows are no longer double knit and establish the flap for the needle case.

rows 41-62: working only in color A now, sl 1 st, moss st 73, k1

rows 63-72: with color B, sl 1 st, k1 p1 rib over 73 sts, k1

Bind off

Make four short i-cords (3.5 inches each) for ties, attach two on right side of case and two on the back of the case between the middle and left pocket

Make one more i-cord (4.5 inches) and sew inside the top left pocket to use as a holder for needles

Fold flap down to hold all needles in place, fold left then right pockets into place and tie to hold shut, enjoy!



Left: Detail of i-cord needle holder

Below: Needle case folded up and tied shut

