

# .....• Jamaica Pouch



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**T**his handsome drawstring purse is knit in a spiral pattern that accentuates the self-striping yarn. Once you get into the rhythm, this bag works up fast; and no one but you will know how easy it was to knit!

**MEASUREMENTS** Approximately 6.5" (16.5 cm) around and 7.5" (19 cm) tall

**YARN** Katia, Jamaica, 100% cotton, 100 g (3.5 oz)/219 yds (200 m), Color 4010

**NEEDLES** Set of US 6 (4 mm) double-point needles 8" (20 cm) long or longer and one US 6 (4 mm) circular needle 16" (40 cm) long (optional) or size you need to obtain correct gauge

**GAUGE** 28 stitches = 4" (10 cm) in pattern

**OTHER SUPPLIES** One crochet hook size F/5 (4 mm), ¼ yd fabric for lining, optional

## Knitting the Base

Cast on 6 stitches tightly and place 2 on each of three double-point needles. Place marker and join into a round, being careful not to twist stitches.

**Round 1:** \*Kfb; repeat from \*. You now have 12 stitches.

**Round 2:** \*K1, Kfb; repeat from \*. You now have 18 stitches.

**Round 3:** \*K2, Kfb; repeat from \*. You now have 24 stitches.

**Round 4:** \*K3, Kfb; repeat from \*. You now have 30 stitches.

**Round 5:** \*K4, Kfb; repeat from \*. You now have 36 stitches.

**Round 6:** \*K5, Kfb; repeat from \*. You now have 42 stitches.

**Round 7:** \*K6, Kfb; repeat from \*. You now have 48 stitches.

Continue in this manner, adding one knit stitch between increases in each round until you have 126 stitches.

**Next Round:** Knit.

**Next Round:** Purl.

## Knitting the Pouch Sides

Begin Circular Spiral Stitch (see at right) and continue even until piece measures 6.5" (16.5 cm) from purl row.

## Knitting the Top of the Pouch

**Next Round:** Knit

**Next Round:** \*K2, yo, K1; repeat from \*.

Knit 4 rounds.

Bind off loosely.

## Finishing

With crochet hook, make two 20–28" (51–71 cm) chains. Thread through holes formed by yarnovers at top of pouch, beginning and ending each drawstring on opposite sides of the bag. Tie ends of drawstrings.

Line if desired.