Pick a Pocket Cozy

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Both pretty and practical, pocket cozies have the perfect space to tuck in some extra sweetener or an extra teabag for later! Quick and easy - these clever little cozies make a perfect gift you can stitch up in an evening with less than 50 yards.

Gauge: approximately 6 stitches per inch
Needles: size 3.25 to 3.5 mm, (US 4 - 5), needles
Yarn: sport weight *Pictured cozies are knit with Brown Sheep Lanaloft Sport*

Plain Pocket Cozy:

CO 52 stitches and join to knit in round, being careful not to twist stitches.
(P2, K2) around x 6 rows
K around x 10 rows

To make opening for pocket:
K2, then K next 14 stitches on a length of waste yarn in a different color than project. Return these

14 stitches back to the left needle and with working yarn, knit to end of round.

K 11 rows
(P2, K2) around x 5 rows
Bind off in pattern

To make pocket:
Turn cozy inside out. Pick up stitches below waste yarn by picking up each purl bump from top to bottom of the stitch on an empty needle. Turn cozy 180 degrees and pick up stitches on other side of waste yarn in the same manner. You'll have two needles parallel to one another with 14 stitches on each. Pick out waste yarn and purl these stitches on both needles in the round x 12 rows forming a tube which will become the pocket. Finish bottom of pocket with a 3 needle bind off.

To finish outside of pocket opening:
Turn cozy right side out. On outside of pocket, starting at stitch just to the right of the right side of pocket, pick up right leg of each stitch across and the stitch just to left of pocket opening, (16 stitches total). *Leave end of joining yarn long enough to finish pocket later.*

Knit ribbing:
Row 1: P1, (K2, P2)x3, K2, P1, turn.
Row 2: K1, (P2, K2)x3, P2, K1, turn.
Repeat Row 1 and Row 2
Bind off in pattern.
Stitch sides of ribbing to cozy with tapestry needle to finish edges.
Weave in ends.

Cable Look Pocket Cozy:
CO 60 and join to knit in the round, being careful to not twist stitches.
(P3, K3) around x 2 rows

Rnd 1: *P3, sl 1 knitwise, K2, psso, repeat from * to end of round
Rnd 2: *P3, K1, yo, K1, repeat from * to end of round
Rnd 3: *P3, K3, repeat from * to end of round
Rnd 4: *P3, K3, repeat from * to end of round
Rnd 5: repeat Rnd 1
Rnd 6: (P3, K1, yo, K1)x3, P13, (K1, yo, K1, P3)x 4, K1, yo, K1
Rnd 7: (P3, K3)x3, P13, (K3, P3)x4, K3
Rnd 8: repeat round 7
Rnd 9: (P3, sl 1, K2, psso)x3, P13, (sl 1, K2, psso, P3)x4, sl 1, K2, psso
Rnds 10-13: repeat rounds 6-9
Rnd 14: (P3, K1, yo, K1)x3, P1, P following 11 stitches onto a length of waste yarn in different color from project. Return those 11 stitches to left needle, purl 11 stitches with working yarn, P1, (K1, yo, K1, P3)x4, K1, yo, K1
Rnd 15 - 17: repeat rounds 7, 8 and 9
Rnd 18-21: repeat rounds 6-9
Rnd 22-23: repeat rounds 6 and 7

Rnd 24: (P3, K3)x3, (P3, Kfb in next stitch, K1)x 2, *P3, K3, repeat from * to end of round.
Rnd 25-28: repeat rounds 1-4
Rnd 29-32: repeat rounds 1-4
Bind off in pattern.

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To finish outside of pocket opening:
Turn cozy right side out. On outside of pocket, starting at stitch just to the right of the right side of pocket, pick up each stitch across and the stitch just to left of pocket opening, (13 stitches total).
Leave end of joining yarn long enough to finish pocket later

Knit ribbing:
Row 1: P1, *K1, P1, repeat from * to end, turn
Row 2: K1, *P1, K1, repeat from * to end, turn.
Repeat Row 1 and Row 2
Bind off in pattern.
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