



## Mini Knapsack

By Allison Griffith

### Finished Measurements

4.5" tall x 3" wide x 1" deep (approximate)

### Yarn

Knit Picks Palette (100% Peruvian Highland Wool, 231 yards) MC: Doe, C1: Bark, less than 1 ball each, or other fingering weight yarn.

### Needles

US 2 DPNs (and optional straight needles)

### Notions

2 3/8" Buttons  
Stitch Marker  
Scissors  
Yarn needle

### Gauge

32 sts and 36 rows=4" in st st, unblocked

This tiny knapsack is a perfect miniature of an old-fashioned book bag. Complete with a working drawstring closure, buttoned flap and two straps, this knapsack is the perfect size for 18" dolls or stuffed animals (such as American Girl Dolls). The bag is knit in the round on DPNs. Then, the flap, drawstring and straps are worked separately then attached. Fill the Mini Knapsack with miniature books and pencils for a perfect back-to-school gift for your favorite child.

## Directions

### Bag

With MC, CO 25. Working back and forth, k all sts until piece measures 1" from CO edge to form base of bag.

Then, use DPNs to PU sts around bag base as follows:

PU and K 7 sts along the short edge. PU and K 25 sts along CO edge. PU and K 7 sts along remaining short edge. PM for beginning of round.

K around until piece measures 3.5" from picked up stitches.

Work eyelet row as follows: (K7, YO, K2TOG, K7, SSK, YO, K7, YO, K2TOG, K3, SSK, YO) twice.

K 2 rnds

P 1 rnd.

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BO loosely.

Weave in ends.

### Drawstring

With C1, CO 3. Work as an I-cord for 6.5". Break yarn and pass end through active sts. Weave in ends. Thread drawstring through eyelets, beginning and ending at the front of the bag.

### Drawstring Closure

With C1, CO 8. K in the round for 5 rnds. BO loosely. Weave in ends. Fold Drawstring Closure flat, and using scrap yarn, sew a vertical st creating two channels, one for each end of the Drawstring. Slide Drawstring Closure onto Drawstring.

### Flap

With C1, CO 15. Working flat, K all rows until piece measures 2".

On the next row. SSK, K to 2 before end, K2Tog.

K2, YO, K2TOG, K5, SSK, YO, K2.

SSK, K to 2 before end, K2TOG.

BO, weave in end. Sew CO edge to back of bag, just above the drawstring.

### Straps

With C1, CO 4. K back and forth until strap measures 4.5". BO. Repeat for second strap.

Use tails to sew straps into place on back of bag- one end should be sewn just under the flap seam, and the other end should be just above the bag bottom.



## Finishing

Weave in any remaining ends. Sew buttons to front of bag. Block lightly, if desired.



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Abbreviations					
BO	Bind Off	K2TOG	Knit 2 Together	SSK	Slip, Slip, Knit
C1	Color 1	MC	Main Color	St(s)	Stitch(es)
CO	Cast On	P	Purl	St St	Stockinette Stitch
DPN	Double-pointed Needle	PU	Pick Up	YO	Yarn Over
K	Knit	Rnd(s)	Round(s)		



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