

KNITTED PENCIL CASES

These cases are being made in partnership with Phoenix who source surplus goods in this country for distribution in the UK and Africa. They will be filled with stationery items before transit. Initially a project with the Education Department in Djibouti requires 7,000 cases for new schools but there is ongoing and unlimited need/scope for more. Cases or small bags are also used for girls' sanitary products.

Please read through all instructions before starting.

Size

- A standard size is to make a case from a rectangle 31cm x 21cm. (12" x 8 ½")
- It may be tricky to get the sizing exact as wool/needles and tensioning vary. This does not matter as cases will be used for varying items. A smaller case could take children's wax crayons, etc.

Method

- Simply knit a rectangle.
- If you are able you might cast off a stitch at each end of the last few rows. This is to prevent curling corners.
- The texture needs to be quite dense to stop small items coming through.
- The bottom 3/4 is then folded up on itself and a seam is sewn down both sides.
- The free 1/4 at the top (where there are corners if you have included them) becomes the closing flap.

Fastenings

- Make one or two buttonholes in the top part as you knit. Sew buttons in place to match them.
- More simply, make a loop(s) at the edge of the top flap to meet buttons on the main case.
- It is also fine to sew on press studs or use snap fastenings.

Many thanks. Finished cases can be brought to meetings or find their way to Jean Rose, MU Diocesan Secretary, etc. - the usual channels!

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