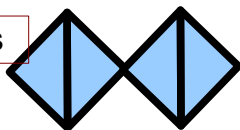**Basic Square**
Cast on 25 sts.[or any odd number]
1st row: Slip 1, knit to last stitch, k1 through back of loop.
Decrease row: slip 1, k to centre 3 sts, slip 1, k2tog, psso, knit to last stitch, knit 1 through back of loop.
Repeat these rows till only 1 stitch remains, cast off.
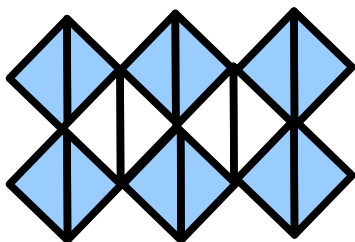
Knit 2 [25 st] squares

# Patchwork Bag

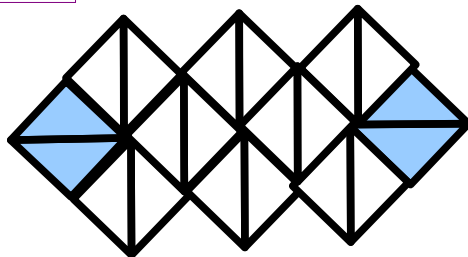## By Lynda Fiendley

Knit 6 more squares
The top ones are knitted in the same direction as the original ones
The bottom ones are knitted in the opposite direction
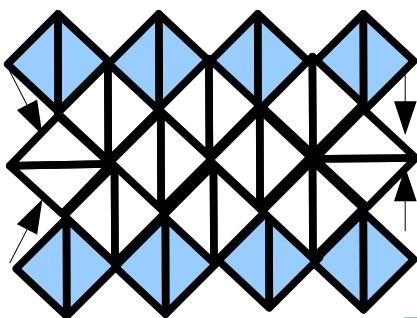Where you can, pick up stitches from the original squares instead of casting on
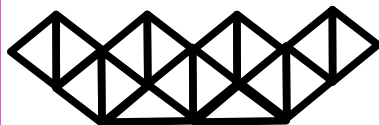From now on you will only pick up stitches, not cast on

Knit 2 squares shown
Note direction of knitting

I used:
4 ply oddments of yarn
2.5mm needles
[I found dp sock needles easy to use]

Knitting beads to embellish

Knit 8 squares as shown.
The end squares are each picked up from the edges marked, making the bag 3 dimensional.

Your bag now looks a little like this
Keep adding rows of 8 squares, **with 23 stitch start**, until it is as deep as you like.
At the top finish with triangles.
Add a row of crochet or knitting to make a firm edge if needed.

Basic Triangle
Cast on 23 sts [or any odd number]
1st row: Slip 1, K to last st, k1 through back of loop
Decrease row: k2tog, k to centre 3 sts, slip 1, k2tog, psso, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog through back of loop
Repeat these rows until 3 sts remain, k3tog, cast off.

**Finishing ideas:**
When knitting the last row of squares choose one square at each side to be the strap. Stop decreasing when you reach 11 stitches. Use these stitches to continue as a strap.
Add beads at joining points of squares.
Make a flap by adding more squares on one side.