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# Pyramid Gift Box
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## Pattern Introduction
A quick and easy knit for gift giving! Fill this simply constructed pyramid box with candies, jewelry, and the like. A crocheted slip stitch edges the box and chains create the button holes. Top the pyramid with a profusion of leftover bits of yarn to add to the celebration! The recipient will delight in the "wrapping" just as much as the gift.

**Gauge** 4 ½ sts = 1" in stockinette.

## What you need
Small amount of worsted or aran weight yarn.
Tiny bits of leftover yarns, ribbons, raffia for embellishment.
Size 6 needles (or size needed to obtain gauge) I used double pointed needles.
Size G or H crochet hook (depending on weight of yarn used for edging)
2 or 3 ¼ - ½" buttons
Yarn Needle

## Stitches you need to know
**Stockinette Stitch:** Knit a row, Purl a row
**Garter Stitch:** Knit every row

**For crochet edge & button loops:**
Slip Stitch
Chain Stitch

Gauge is not of great importance. I like the resulting knitted material to be fairly stiff for the box to stand and not be too floppy. Adjust your needle size to gain a firm, but not too tight, fabric.

## Measurements
Small box = approx. 2 ¾" tall and 2 ¾" wide. (without top embellishment)
Larger box = approx. 4 ½" tall and 4 ½" wide. (without top embellishment)

## Abbreviations you need to know

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| Beg = beginning | Sp = space |
| Ch = chain | St st = stockinette stitch |
| Lp = loop | Rem = remaining |
| Sl st = slip stitch | Rep = repeat |

## Memory Refreshers
1. "Fasten off" means to draw your yarn through the last loop you have on your needle or hook, then cut or break the yarn 3-4 inches away from loop. Now draw the yarn out of the securing loop you made. Give the end on your work a tug for good measure.

## Tips & Tricks
1. When a pattern tells you to Cast On without telling you which cast-on to use…what do you do? Here are some tips: When you are not told which cast on to use, it is fairly safe to use whichever one you know. Long-tail, e-wrap, and the knitted cast-on are basic cast-on methods that can be used broadly. E-wrap (or thumb wrap) can be very elastic, so for some patterns, including this one, e-wrap might not be the best option. If you know, and prefer, some of the other cast-on methods (crochet cast-on being one of my favorites) then by all means use it.

2. When working a slip stitch into knitted stitches, it can be difficult to know WHERE to place your hook. The bind-off edge will be easy because these stitches look like the tops of crochet stitches. However, the "row ends" of knitting and the cast-on edge is a bit different (unless you used crochet cast-on). Just use your judgment as to which loops of yarn you work into. **This is not an exact science**! The key to having a uniform look to your crochet trimwork, is to be **consistent** with WHEREVER you choose to put your hook.

## Walkthrough
*Leaving a 10" or longer tail, cast on 15 sts for small box, 20 sts for larger box. Use either knitted cast-on, long-tail, or crochet cast-on. (See Tips & Tricks #1)
The 10" tail will be used to assemble box later.
**Rows 1-2:** Purl.
**Rows 3 and following:** Beginning with a knit row, work in St St until work measures 5 ½" for small box, 7 ½" for larger box.

**To obtain a more precise length (and thus a better looking pyramid), measure the width of your work and multiply that times 2. Then subtract ½" to allow for the remaining purl rows.

**Final 2 Rows:** Purl.
Bind off in Purl. Leave a 2 ft. long tail.

**Assemble Box:**
*Refer to Diagram 1 at right for how to seam the box together.
*Using yarn needle and 10" beginning tail end, seam with piece folded in half from A to B. Fasten off, weave in end.
*Then fold the piece, according to Diagram 2, and using 2 ft. long tail end, seam together back & forth from C to D. **Do not** fasten off!
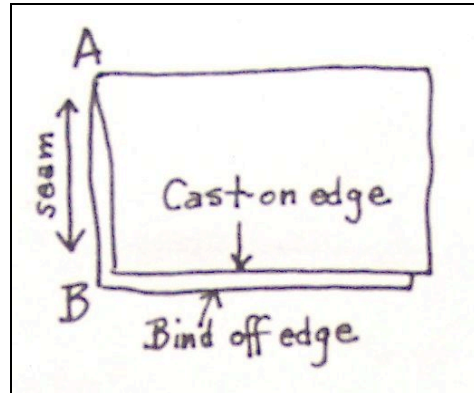

Diagram 1

**Edge Box and Button Loops:**
*Using Crochet Hook and remainder of long tail end, work sl sts down one side of opening. Then on other side, stop every 4-5 sts and ch 5 to form button loop!
*Continue by placing hook into same st where chains came out, and work 4-5 sl sts to the next ch-5 button loop.
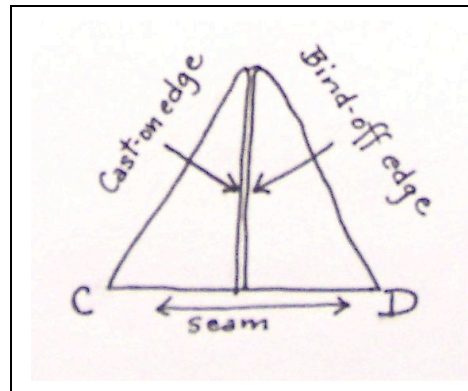*Work last step again if making the Larger Box.

Then continue sl sts up to the top of box. **Do not** fasten off!


Diagram 2

**Sewing on Buttons:**
*Continuing with this same long tail end and yarn needle, weave yarn through edge of opening to where the button loop you created on the other side corresponds. Sew button.
*Continue weaving yarn through to next button loop space and sew button.
*When you've finished sewing on all the buttons, fasten off and weave in end.

**Topper Embellishment:**
*Using crochet hook and 4-5" bits of colorful yarns, ribbons, and/or raffia, pull bits through the top of pyramid box and tie. Continue doing this in different places to create a profusion of color. Trim to desired look.

## Variations on a Theme
*These would be cute striped! or knitted with variegated yarns!
*Work other stitch patterns:
   just garter stitch, basketweave stitch, seed stitch…anything! Just remember to measure the width of your work, then double it for the length, subtracting ½" for the last two purl rows and binding off.