Sugar Packet Holder

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I wanted something not too bulky to hold my Stevia packets so that they would not break open in my purse.

Materials:

About 30 yds fingering weight yarn (Alpaca Sox by Classic Elite, 60% alpaca, 20% merino wool, 20% nylon, 100 grams/450 yards)
US 1.5/2.50 mm knitting needles yarn needle button



Finished size: about 2¹/₂" x 2¹/₄". Gauge is not critical.

Notes:

- The piece is worked in seed st except the first and last stitch is worked in stockinette to create a nice edge.
- The number of stitches to bind off for the buttonhole can be adjusted to the width of your button. Bind off an odd number of stitches.

Abbreviations

- K Knit.
- M1L With left-hand needle, pick up the strand between the needles from front to back. Knit in back loop.
- M1R With left-hand needle, pick up the strand between the needles from back to front. Knit in front loop.
- P Purl.
- St(s) Stitch(es)

Directions

Cast on 23 sts. Row 1 (right side): K1, (k1, p1) 10 times, k2. Row 2: P1, (k1, p1) 11 times.

Repeat these two rows for 5¹/₄" ending after working Row 2.

Buttonhole rows

Row 1: Working first and last sts in stockinette st, work in pattern for 9 sts, bind off 5 sts, work in pattern to end.

Row 2: Working first and last sts in stockinette, work in pattern for 9 sts, cast on 5 sts, work in pattern to end. (Tip: Cast on 3 sts using the e-cast on. On the next row, knit 1 cast-on st, M1L, k1, M1R, k1. You now have 5 snug cast-on stitches.)

Continue in pattern until piece measures about 53/4".

Shaping rows Row 1: K1, p2tog, work in pattern to last 3 sts, p2tog, k1. Row 2: P2, (k1, p1), work in pattern to last st, p1. Row 3: Repeat Row 1. Bind off in pattern.

Fold the bottom up about 2". Neatly seam one side. Sew on button, Neatly seam the other side. Weave in all ends.

