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#### **MATERIALS**

**Red Heart® Amore™** (3.5 oz/100g; 198 yds/181 m)

**Contrast A Restful** (6638) 1 ball Contrast B Peaceful (6724) 1 ball **Contrast C Blush** (6706) 1 ball **Contrast D Bliss** (6656) 1 ball

Size U.S. 6 (4 mm) knitting needles. Pair of size U.S. 6 (4 mm) doublepointed knitting needles or size needed to obtain gauge. One 1/8" [28 mm] toggle button.

# KNIT I SKILL LEVEL: EASY

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

**Approx** = Approximately K = Knit

**Kfb** = Increase by knitting into front, then into back of next

stitch. **K2tog** = Knit next 2 stitches together

 $\mathbf{P} = Purl$ 

**P2tog** = Purl next 2 stitches together

**Ssk** = Slip next 2 stitches knitwise one at a time. Pass them back onto left-hand needle, then knit through back loops together.

**St(s)** = Stitch(es)

## **MEASUREMENTS**

Approx 9½" [24 cm] long and 7" [18 cm] wide when folded and seamed.

# **GAUGE**

20 sts and 30 rows = 4'' [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch.

# **INSTRUCTIONS**

## Notes:

Clutch is made from a rectangle that is folded and seamed.

Button loop and flowers are worked separately and sewn to clutch.

# **CLUTCH**

Beginning at front flap, with A, cast on 46 sts.

Rows 1-5: Knit.

Row 6 (increase row - right side): \*[K5, kfb] twice, k4, kfb; repeat from \* once more, k5, kfb, k6—53 sts.

Work even in Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) until piece measures 10" [25.5 cm] from beginning, end with a right side row.

# Next Row (bottom turning ridge - wrong side): Knit.

Continue in Stockinette stitch until piece measures 191/4" [49 cm] from beginning, end with a right side row.

Next Row (decrease row wrong side): \*[P5, p2tog] twice, p4, p2tog; repeat from \* once more, p5, p2tog, p6—46 sts.

Last 5 Rows: Purl. Cast off.



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## **BUTTON LOOP**

With two double-pointed needles and A, cast on 3 sts, knit all the sts, \*do not turn work. Slide all the stitches to opposite end of needle. Carry yarn tightly across back of work, and knit all the stitches; repeat from \* until I-cord measures 2½" [6.5 cm]. Cast off.

### LARGE FLOWER

Petal (make 5)

With pair of needles and B, cast on 5 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

**Row 2:** K1, kfb, k1, kfb, k1—7 sts.

**Row 3:** K2, kfb, k1, kfb, k2—9 sts.

**Row 4:** K3, kfb, k1, kfb, k3—11 sts.

**Rows 5-7:** Knit.

**Row 8:** [Ssk] twice, k3, [k2tog]

twice—7 sts.

Rows 9 and 10: Knit.

**Row 11:** Ssk, k3, k2tog—5 sts.

Row 12: Knit.

**Row 13:** Ssk, k1, k2tog—3 sts.

Row 14: Knit.

Cast off. Repeat to make a total of 5 petals.

Sew cast-off rows of petals together to create flower.

With C, embroider French Knots at center of flower.

# **SMALL FLOWER** (make 2)

**Petal** (make 4 petals for each small flower)

With straight needles and C, cast on 5 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

**Row 2:** K1, kfb, k1, kfb, k1—7 sts.

**Row 3:** K2, kfb, k1, kfb, k2—9 sts.

Rows 4 and 5: Knit.

**Row 6:** [Ssk] twice, k1, [k2tog]

twice—5 sts.

Row 7: Knit.

**Row 8:** Ssk, k1, k2tog—3 sts.

Row 9: Knit.

Cast off. Repeat to make a total of 8 petals, 4 petals for each of 2 small flowers.

Sew cast-off rows of 4 petals together to create each flower.

With A, embroider French Knots at center of flower.

# **FINISHING**

Using photograph as a guide, sew flowers to clutch.

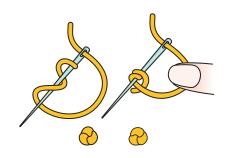
# **Embroidery**

With D, using photograph as a guide, embroider leaves using Back Stitch.

Fold piece along turning ridge and sew side edges together to form clutch. Fold button loop in half and sew ends to center of underside of front flap. Sew button to front of clutch, lining up with button loop.

Weave in ends.

## **French Knot**



## **Back Stitch**

