



# Pyramid Pods



BEGINNER

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LIGHT

Small gift/storage pods.

Decorated with a little loop at the top and toggle closure.

The pods are super simple to knit. All you need to know is how to cast on, bind off, knit and purl.

The shape comes from the way they are sewn up, with just two easy straight seams.

Skills required: working flat, seaming.

## Yarn

DK weight yarn

Yarn shown is Sublime Extra Fine Merino DK, in shades Indigo, Pistachio and Natural.

**Small:** 47 metres (51 yards).

**Medium:** 59 metres (64 yards).

**Large:** 77 metres (84 yards).

**Yarn Substitutions:** Other weights of yarn will work in this pattern, see customisation tips on page 5.

## Needles/Supplies

3.75 mm (US 5).

Tapestry needle for weaving in ends and stitching pod together

1 toggle for each pod, up to 3 cm (approximately 1 inch)

## Gauge

28 sts and 40 rows in 10 x 10 cm (4 x 4 inches) in Basket Rib (see main pattern section) using 3.75mm (US 5) needles (*or size needed to obtain gauge*).

## Finished Size

Small (10 cm/4 in.), Medium (11.5cm/4.5 in.), Large (12.5 cm/5 in.). Measurements are for the length of the opening.

## Abbreviations

**k:** knit

**p:** purl

**RS:** right side of work

**WS:** wrong side of work

**Bind off:** Cast-off (UK)

## **Pyramid Pod**

**Sizes: Small (Medium, Large)**

Cast on 43 (52, 61) sts.

**Row 1 (WS):** bind off 15 (20, 25) sts in knit, p to end of row. 28 (32, 36) sts.

The stitches that have just been bound off produce a little strip, which will become the loop at the top of the pod when the piece is made up.

**Rows 2 & 3:** knit. Next, work the Basket Rib pattern as follows:

### ***Basket Rib Pattern***

*(4 stitch and 6 row repeat)*

**Row 1 (RS):** \*k2, p2, repeat from \* to end of row.

**Row 2 (WS):** \*k2, p2, repeat from \* to end of row.

**Rows 3-6:** knit.

Continue in ***Basket Rib***, until piece measures 20 (25, 30) cm/8 (9, 10) inches, ending on row **5**. Purl **one** row. Bind off in knit.



**Tip for Success:** *the aim is to knit a rectangle that is twice as long as it is wide.*

*If you do not manage to get exact gauge, then measure the width of your piece after you have knitted about 10 cm (4 inches), and work the length of your piece to double the measurement of that of the width.*

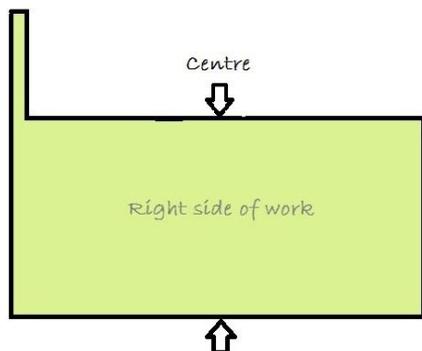
## **Toggle Fastening Loop**

**Step 1:** Cast on 15 (20, 25) sts.

**Step 2:** Bind off all 15 (20, 25) sts.

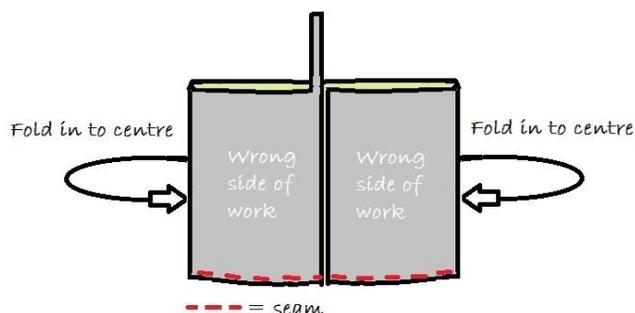
## Making up

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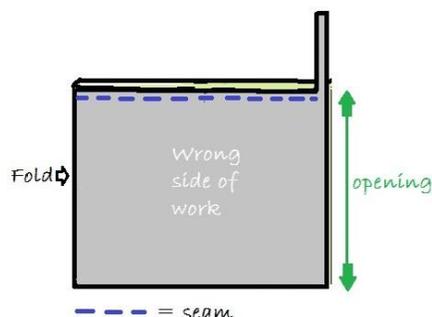
**Step 1:** Start with the right side of the work facing, and top loop "strip" at the top of the work.

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**Step 2:** Fold the piece so that the cast-on and bound-off ends meet in the centre of the piece. The wrong side of the work is now facing. Sew straight across the bottom using a backstitch seam.

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**Step 3:** With wrong side still facing, bring the row edges of the top of the work together, and sew straight across the top.

### Back Stitch



With work together and wrong sides facing outwards, insert needle through both layers from front to back and pull through (start point). Make a small stitch, inserting needle from back to front and pull through. Reinsert the needle at the start point, from front to back and pull through. Continue making stitches in this way, working into the start point of each stitch.



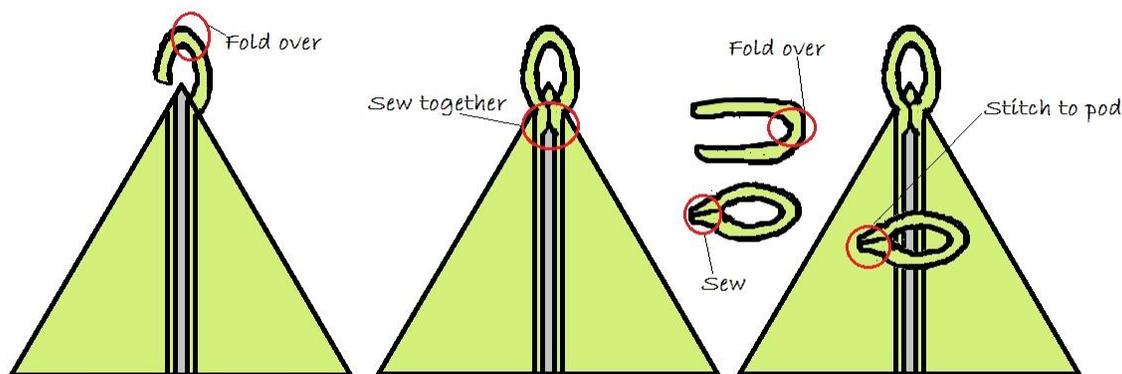
**Tip for success:** You can use any seaming method you prefer. Back stitch seams have been included in the instructions as they are simple to sew and give strength and structure to the pod, which helps it to stand up. Crochet seams are also a sturdy choice for this design.

**Note:** For left-handed knitters, the little loop "strip" will be on the other side of the work to that pictured, but all making up will be the same.

### Finishing

Turn right side out, fold the top loop "strip" in half and stitch in place at the top of the opening. Use a few stitches to sew the opening shut a little at the top and bottom of the pod if desired.

Fold toggle loop in half, and sew in place halfway down the pod, at one side of the opening. Sew the toggle in place on the other side.



## Customisation Ideas

### **Resizing**

To make larger or smaller pods, cast on multiples of 4 sts, plus enough extra to produce the top loop; which will be bound off on the first row. The toggle loop is the same size as the top loop, so it could be worked first to test how many stitches will look good for the top loop.

### **Using a different yarn weight**

Any weight of yarn could be used, just pick a needle size that will ensure that the gauge is not too loose; the knitted piece needs a certain amount of stiffness, particularly if making pods larger than the ones in the pattern.

***Note:** If modifying the pod pattern to a different stitch count or using a different weight of yarn and different needles, all that is needed for the design to work is to make sure that the length of the knitted piece is twice its width. Measure the width when the length seems to be roughly at the halfway point (this will give a more accurate measurement to work with than measuring earlier on would).*

### **Using a different stitch pattern**

Based on the principle of creating a piece with length = twice width, the pod could be adapted to be made in other stitch patterns. Robustly textured and regular stitch patterns, such as seed stitch, will work well as they will support the weight of the pod and withstand folding without collapsing the knitted fabric. If choosing to knit the pod in a stitch with more drape, such as stockinette (stocking) stitch, knitting at a tight gauge may help to support the pod. Only substitute the stitch pattern for the basket rib, you will still need to work the rows before and after that to create the opening edges and top loop.

