



LITTLE RED TAROT



AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO TAROT

KNITTED TAROT CASE



To fit your regular Waite-Smith-sized deck of 12 x 7 x 3cm

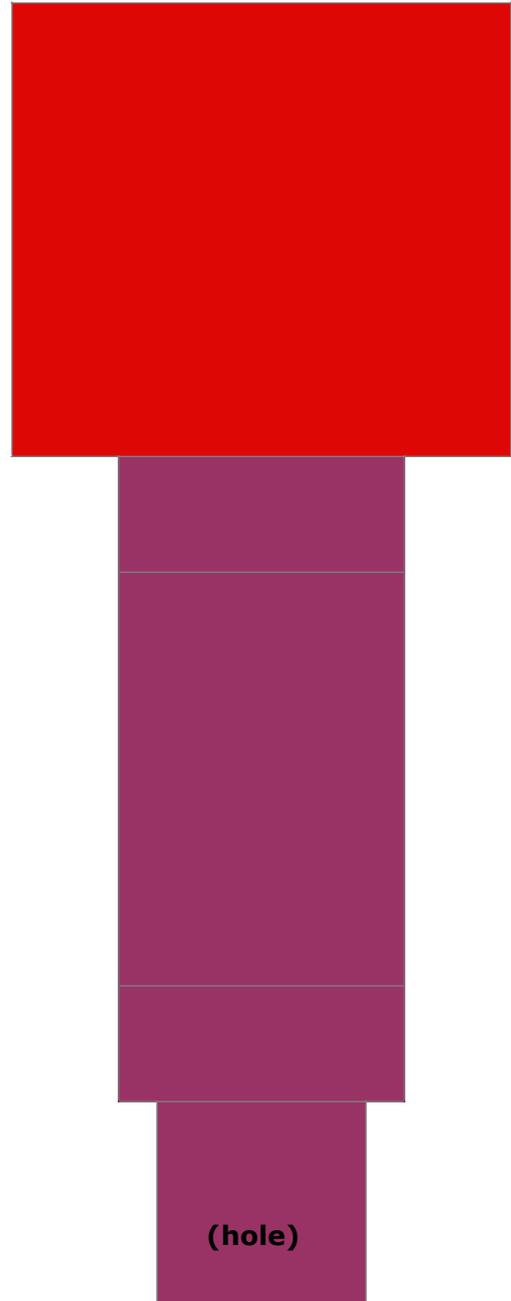
You can make this little case in any stitch. This is just the basic pattern for you to adapt howsoever your heart desires. That's why I've included a diagram of the pattern, and the lengths of each piece too – so you can design it how you want it without worrying about the sizing changing too much. I've made three of them now in different stitches so have added some extra thoughts at the end – read them before you decide what stitch you want to use.

Needles: 3 ½ mm / 9 (UK) / 4 (US)

Yarn: A nice chunky aran/worsted is best

BASIC PATTERN

1. Cast on 32 stitches (7 cm)
2. Knit 12 cm in whatever stitch you fancy.
3. Cast off 6 st (3 cm), knit to end
end of row. Next row: again, cast off 6 st (3 cm), knit to end of row.
4. If you want to change yarn so the back is a contrasting colour, now is the time!
It's also good to change to something like basket stitch here.
You have the centre 20 stitches left on needle. Knit 20 cm.
5. Next row: K3, YON, K10, YON, K3
You have 18 stitches left on needle.
Knit 16 rows (6 cm) or however long you want your flap to be.
6. Make hole:
 - a. Knit 7



- b. Knit two together
 - c. Yarn over needle twice
 - d. Knit two together
 - e. Knit to end of row.
7. Knit 4 more rows, taking care to knit or purl the bottom of the hole. For extra strength, do the last three rows in moss/seed stitch.

Cast off!

8. Sew up seams and find a jazzy little button or toggle, and voila :)

Extra ideas (pics are on blog)

- In the striped one I crocheted around the edge of the flap, because I'd done it in stocking stitch and it kept curling at the corners. The flap on that one is also a lot longer.
- I made the whole of the red and purple one in basket stitch, which is time-consuming, but keeps everything nice and strong.
- The pink and green one is all in garter stitch, except for some moss stitch around the edge and bottom of the flap to keep it all from curling.
- Another thing that's nice to do is a k1p1 rib for the first four or five rows, this keeps the rim of the case nice and tight.

Have fun!

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