

Knit Beginner 2 - Bag





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Hold-It-All Striped Tote

Designed by: Lion Brand®

Stitches Used:

Knit stitch, Purl stitch

Size:

Finished Circumference About 25 in. (63.5 cm) Length About 12 in. (30.5 cm) (not including strap)



Supplies:

- 1 ball Lion Brand[®] Vanna's Choice[®] Dusty Blue
- 1 ball Lion Brand[®] Vanna's Choice[®] Mustard
- 1 Size U.S. 7 (4.5 mm) 16" (40.64 cm) long circular knitting needles
- 1 Yarn needle
- Stitch markers

Special terms/Techniques to be taught:

Cast on, Knit stitch, Purl stitch, Changing yarn colors, Yarn over, Decreasing, Bind off, Sewing side seams, Work in the round, Weave in ends, Reading a pattern, Abbreviations

Gauge:

17 sts = about 4 in. (10 cm) in Garter st (k every st on every row).

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

Abbreviations:

k = knit
k2tog = knit 2 stitches together
p = purl
rep = repeat
rnd(s) = round(s)
st(s) = stitch(es)

Stitch Explanation:

Yarn over (usually abbreviated as yo) An increase that also creates a small decorative hole (eyelet) in the fabric, worked as follows:

- 1. Bring yarn to front, between the needles.
- 2. Take yarn to back, over the right hand needle. This creates the new st. You are now ready to proceed with the next st as instructed.

Pattern Stitch:

Eyelet Pattern (worked in the round)

Rnds 1 and 2: Knit.

Rnd 3: Purl.

Rnd 4: Knit.

Rnd 5: *Yarn over, k2tog; rep from * around.

Rnds 6 and 7: Knit.

Rnd 8: Purl.

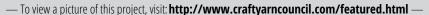
Rep Rnds 1-8 for Eyelet pattern

Notes:

- 1. The base of Bag is knit back and forth in rows (just as if working on straight needles), then body of Bag is worked in the round.
- 2. The Bag is worked in an easy eyelet pattern with 2 colors of yarn.
- 3. All but 12 sts are bound off around the upper edge of the Bag, then the remaining 12 sts are worked for the strap.
- 4. Bag was worked at a tight gauge to make it a bit sturdier.







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Bag Base

With A, cast on 44 sts.

Working back and forth in rows on the circular needle, just as if working on straight needles, work in Garter st (knit every st on every row) until piece measures about 2 1/2 in. (6.5 cm) from beginning.

Bag Body

Rotate work and pick up and k11 sts along adjacent short side of base, 44 sts along long side of base, and 11 sts along rem side – 110 sts.

Place marker for beginning of rnd and join by knitting the first st on the left hand end of the needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle.

Notes:

You will now be working in the rnd. Slip the marker (from the left hand needle to the right hand needle at the end of each rnd – each time you slip the marker, you have completed one rnd. The first few rnds can be a bit tight to work – just work carefully and push the sts towards the points of the needle as needed.

With A, knit one rnd.

Beginning with Rnd 1 of pattern, work in Eyelet pattern for 24 rnds (3 full repeats of Rnds 1-8 of Eyelet pattern).

Change to B.

Beginning with Rnd 1 of pattern, work in Eyelet pattern for 56 rnds (7 full repeats of Rnds 1-8 of Eyelet pattern).

With B, purl 3 rnds.

With B, knit 6 sts, then bind off all sts until you have just 6 sts remaining before the marker.

Knit these 6 sts, remove the marker, then knit the remaining 6 sts. You will have 12 sts on your needle.

Strap

Note: You'll change yarn color twice when working the strap. Notice which side of your strap is the right side. Before changing yarn color, be sure that the last row you work with the old color is a wrong side row. The first row you work with the new color should be a right side row. This prevents 'blips' of the old color yarn from showing on the right side of the strap.

Work back and forth in rows in Garter st on the 12 sts that are on your needle for about 5 in. (12.5 cm).

Change to A and continue in Garter st for about 11 in. (28 cm).

Change to B and continue in Garter st for about 5 in. (12.5 cm).

Bind off.

Finishing:

Sew bound-off end of strap to top edge of Bag.

Weave in ends.

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