

STRING BAG

REQUIREMENTS:

Yarn:

160m Exotic Jeans DK cotton/acrylic mix
or 245m Nako Calico DK

Needles:

4.50mm DPN's x 5

9.00mm circular 60cm

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Circular needle required if Magic Loop method preferred
- which will then require stitch markers.



Abbreviations:

K - Knit YO - Yarn over P - Purl K2tog - Knit 2 together M1 - make 1 stitch
Garter Stitch - Knit each row DPN - Double pointed needle

BASE OF BAG:

Using DPN's Cast on 9 stitches.

Knit 1 row dividing onto 4 needles - 2 stitches each needle.

Slip remaining stitch onto first needle & K2tog with first stitch, to join round, knit rest of row.

Place marker to mark beginning of row.

Continue to Knit in the round.

Row 1: K1, YO, k1, repeat each needle - 12 stitches

Row 2: Knit

Row 3: K1, YO, K1, YO, K1, repeat each needle

Row 4: Knit

Row 5: K1, YO, Knit to last stitch, YO, K1, repeat each needle

Row 6: Knit

Repeat rows 5 & 6 till you have 25 stitches on each needle

BODY OF BAG

Change to 9.00mm circular needle & Knit 1 row

Row 1: K2tog, YO around

Row 2: Knit

Repeat these 2 rows 14 times - 28 rows in total



TOP OF BAG

Change to 4.50mm circular

Row 1: Knit 1 row

Row 2: Purl 1 row

Repeat 5 times - 10 rows in total

STRAP

Cast off 40 stitches purlwise

Knit 9 stitches (10 on needle) leave these 10 on a DPN

Cast off 40 stitches purlwise

Knit remaining 9 stitches (10 on needle)

Switch to DPN's

Knit 2 rows (back & forth) ending on wrong side

Knit 1, K2tog, K4, K2tog, K1

Continue in garter stitch on these 8 stitches, until handle reaches desired length (approx 22cm)

- this is significant for a shoulder length bag as it will stretch with use.

Finish with wrong side row.

Next row - K1, M1, K6, M1, K1

Knit 2 more rows, ending with a right side row

GRAFTING THE HANDLE

Hold the 2 DPN together, so that the outside of the handle & bag are together. Graft together with Kitchener stitch.

Or if preferred, use a 3 needle bind off.

Weave in ends.

FINISHED!!!

