

Yarn / Craft Bag

Measures about 9 inches tall and 8½ inches diameter

Materials –Color A, worsted weight yarn, 3 ounces, divided in half into 2 balls. 24-inch circular needle, US# 10. Small amount of any color, (color B) if desired.

Holds 3 or 4 skeins of yarn.

Gauge: 3 sts = 1 inch

Directions:

Holding 2 strands together of color A, beginning at top of bag, cast on 60 sts.

Join, being careful not to twist row sts. Place a marker for beginning of round.

Round 1 - * knit 1 purl 1 *, repeating around.

Round 2 - * Purl 1, knit 1 * repeating around. (these 2 rounds form seed stitch pattern)

Handle opening, starting on round 1, bind off in pattern stitch , first 10 sts, then work pattern stitch over next 20 sts, bind off next 10 sts, work pattern to remaining sts of round.

Round 3 –Working as round 2, work in pattern, casting on 10 sts over “ each” 10 bound off sts around.

Work 1 more round in pattern row 1. Change colors if desired. For next 4 rounds, use 1 strand each of A and B held together. Cut B, now work pattern only in 2 strands of color A until length from beginning is 9 inches.

Bottom:

Purl 1 round, knit 1 round. Begin bottom decrease:

You will now work back and forth in rows, not rounds, as follows:

Row 1 - * knit 10, knit 2 tog * repeat between *’s across. 55 sts.

Purl next row.

Row 3 - * knit 9, knit 2 together * repeat between *’s across. 50 sts.

Purl next row.

Row 5 - * knit 8, knit 2 tog * repeat between *’s across (45 sts)

Purl next row.

Row 7 - * knit 7, knit 2 tog * repeat between *’s across (40 sts)

Purl next row.

Row 9 - * knit 6, knit 2 tog* repeat between *’s across. (35 sts)

Purl next row.

Row 11 - * knit 5, knit 2 tog * repeat between *’s across (30 sts)

Purl next row.

Row 13 - * knit 4, knit 2 tog * repeat between *’s across. (25 sts)

Next row, Purl 1, * purl 2 tog * repeat between *’s across. (12 sts)

Cut yarn, draw yarn length through remaining 12 sts. Pull to close bottom, sew bottom seam.

Weave in any yarn ends.

