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 across. 50 sts.
Purl next row.
Row 5 - * knit 8, knit 2 together * repeat between *’s across (45 sts)
Purl next row.
Row 7 - * knit 7, knit 2 together * repeat between *’s across (40 sts)
Purl next row.
Row 9 - * knit 6, knit 2 together * 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.

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