



EVERYDAY Bag

The EVERYDAY bag is a casual pouch bag with plenty of storage space - the perfect companion for every day.

The bag is worked from the bottom up. The stitches are cast on using the 'Magic CO' and the bag is worked in stockinette stitch in the round, using the 'Magic Loop Method'. For the handles, the work is divided into two parts and worked in stockinette stitch back and forth, with decreases. Subsequently, the handles are grafted together using the kitchener stitch.

Techniques used: Magic CO, Magic Loop Method, working 2 sts out of 1 st (kfb), left- and right leaning decreases, Kitchener Stitch.



MEASUREMENTS

One size

Height (without handles): approx. 35 cm / 13.8"

Width (folded together): approx. 32 cm / 12.6"

Depth: approx. 15 cm / 6"

Length of handles: approx. 30 cm / 11.8" (variable)

YARN

350 g 'Handknit Cotton' by Rowan (100 % Cotton; 85 m / 50 g), worked single stranded, here in color 'Straw' (picture, page 1) or

350 - 400 g 'Ica' by Lamana (100 % Cotton; 80 m / 50 g), worked single stranded, here in color 'Silk Grey' (picture left) or

350 g 'Cotton Creative Aran' by Rico Design (100 % Cotton, 85 m / 50g), worked single stranded or

300 g 'Trio 2' by Isager (50 % Linen, 30 % Cotton, 20 % Lyocell; 175 m / 50 g), worked double stranded, here in color 'Camel' (Pic. 1 and 2, page 4)

NEEDLES

100 cm/40" circular needle size 4.0 mm / (US 6/UK 8)

NOTIONS

Tapestry needle, stitch markers and optionally safety pins to place handle sts on hold.

MAIN PATTERN

Stockinette stitch (st st) in the round: k all sts in all rounds.

Stockinette stitch worked flat: knit the RS rows and purl the WS rows.

GAUGE / TENSION

Worked in st st using ndl size 4.0 mm: 20-21 sts x 25-26 rows = approx. 10 x 10 cm/4" square, measured washed and slightly stretched.

Please adjust needle size if necessary, to obtain correct gauge. It's not that important to get the right gauge, when in doubt the bag can turn out a bit larger or smaller.

METHOD

CO **196 sts** using circ. ndl size 4.0 mm and the 'Magic CO'. Here you can find a helpful tutorial on the 'Magic CO': <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Vku17-6GvM>

There should be **98 sts** on each ndl. Work in st st in the round using the 'Magic Loop Method' (also see tutorial above), as follows:

Rnd 1: ndl 1: k97, kfb, ndl 2: k97, kfb = 198 sts, 99 sts on each ndl.

In the following rounds, stitches are slipped and purled at certain intervals for the future fold line. Work as follows:

Rnd 2: ndl 1: k16, sl 1 st purlwise wyib, k64, sl 1 st purlwise wyib, k16, p1.

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Rnd 3: ndl 1: k98, p1. ndl 2: k98, p1.

Keep repeating **rows 2 and 3**, until work measures approx. **29 cm/11.4"**, measured from CO. This corresponds to about 78 - 82 rnds (without first rnd). **End with row 3, do not cut yarn.**

Important: After 10 - 15 rnds work can be continued 'normally' in the round, without the 'Magic Loop Method'. Place a stitch marker to indicate beg of rnd in that case.

When work measures approx. **29 cm/11.4"**, divide work into 2 parts and work back and forth to form the **first part of the bag**, as follows. Work the WS rows a bit tighter, to make the stitches look nice and even:

Row 1 (RS): k16, sl 1 st purlwise wyib, k64, sl 1 st purlwise wyib, k15, ssk (= 1 knit st and 1 purl st) = 98 sts, turn. Place rem 99 sts on hold using a stitch holder or piece of scrap yarn.

Row 2 (WS): purl all sts.

Row 3 (RS): k16, sl 1 st purlwise wyib, k64, sl 1 st purlwise wyib, k16.

Row 4 (WS): purl all sts.

Keep repeating **rows 3 and 4** another **5 times**, until a total of (incl. rows 1 - 4) **14 rows** are worked and work measures approx. **33 cm/13"**, measured from CO. End with a WS row, do not cut yarn.

Handles

Divide work again to form the handles. Cont. working to form **first part of handle**, as follows:

Row 1 (RS): k16, pM, sl 1 st purlwise wyib, k16, place rem 65 sts on hold, turn.

Row 2 (WS): purl all sts (= 33 sts).

Row 3 (RS): k16, sM, sl 1 st purlwise wyib, k16.

Row 4 (WS): purl all sts.

Now start decreasing to shape the handle, as follows:

Row 5 (RS): k1, ssk, k to M, sM, sl 1 st purlwise wyib, k to 3 sts before end of row, k2tog, k1 = 31 sts.

Row 6 (WS): purl all sts.

Row 7 (RS): k to M, sM, sl 1 st purlwise wyib, k to end of row.

Row 8 (WS): purl all sts.

Row 9 (RS): k to M, sM, sl 1 st purlwise wyib, k to end of row.

Row 10 (WS): purl all sts.

Rep **rows 5 - 10** another **10 times**, until a total of (incl. rows 1 - 10) **70 rows** are worked and only **11 sts** rem on the ndl. Then rep **rows 9 and 10 three more times**, until a total of **76 rows** are worked and the handle measures approx. **28 cm/11"**, measured from second division, or keep repeating as many times as desired, until the desired length for the handle is reached. End with a WS row, cut yarn, leaving an approx. **25 cm/10"** long yarn tail and place the rem 11 sts on hold.

Slip the **33 sts** at the back of the 65 held sts back onto the ndl to form the **second part of the handle**. Keep the middle **32 sts** on hold.

Join working yarn to these 33 sts, start with a RS row and work in same way as described for first part of handle.

When both parts of the handle are finished, graft the **11 sts** of first handle and the **11 sts** of second handle together, using the kitchener stitch.

Here you can find a tutorial on the Kitchener Stitch: https://youtu.be/s6_mGi-9yyc

Slip the **99 held sts** back onto ndl to form **second part of the bag**. Join working yarn again and work second part in same way as described for first part of the bag. I.e.: start with a RS row, as described above and work 14 rows, then divide work into 2 parts to form the handles and work 76 rows for each handle, or work the number of rows until the desired length for the handles is reached. Subsequently, graft together first and second handle, using the kitchener stitch.

Once the second part of the bag has been completed, fold the outer edges inwards at the resulting fold lines and fix the bottom corners to the 'bottom' inside the bag with a few stitches, if necessary (**Pic. 1 and 2**).

Tip: „Do not worry if the bag does not initially correspond exactly to the measurements given. After washing and while carrying, it will stretch (+ approx. 3 - 4 cm/1.2 – 1.6") and become slightly narrower.“



Pic. 1:
Bag after completing the handles. The outer edges are not yet folded inwards.



Pic. 2:
The outer edges of the bag are folded inwards. The edges of the handles and the held middle sts are still unprocessed and not edged.

Edging

To work edging around the **outer edges of the handles**, PUK sts along outer side edges of handles, using ndl size 4.0 mm and place the middle 32 held sts back onto ndl. Work as follows:

Join working yarn in the middle of the top handle-seam and PUK **61 sts** from first side of the handle (= 76 rows) following the principle “4 stitches from 5 rows”, i.e.: when picking up and knitting the sts, skip every 5th row. Place the **32 held sts at the center back** onto the ndl and k these sts, then PUK **61 sts** from second side of the handle (= 76 rows) following the principle “4 stitches from 5 rows”.

Join for working in the round, pM to indicate beg of rnd and knit 1 rnd. Then BO all sts knitwise, binding off the 32 center sts rather tight, to prevent this edge from becoming too „sloppy“.

Tip: „If you have worked more or fewer rows for the handles, the number of stitches for the edging must also be adjusted.“

To work edging around the **inside edges of the handles**, PUK sts along inner side edges of handles, using ndl size 4.0 mm, as follows:

Join working yarn in the middle of the top handle-seam and PUK **72 sts** along first side edge (= 90 rows) following the principle “4 stitches from 5 rows”, then PUK **1 st** from the inward-facing folding line, created by the purl stitches, then PUK **72 sts** along second side edge, as described above, **72 sts** along third side edge, 1 st from the inward-facing folding line and another **72 sts** along fourth side edge.

Join for working in the round, pM to indicate beg of rnd and knit 1 rnd. Then in next rnd, BO all sts knitwise.

FINISHING

Weave in all yarn ends. Wash the bag once completely, pull into shape, stretch to the specified dimensions if necessary and leave to dry. If necessary, the folded edges can be steamed again under a damp cloth. The handles of the bag will curl even after washing, this is intentional.

TERMS & EXPLANATIONS

Right leaning decrease (k2tog):

Insert ndl tip into 2 sts at once and knit these sts together as 1 stitch.

Left leaning decrease (ssk):

Slip 1 st knitwise, slip 1 st knitwise, place sts back onto left ndl and knit together through back loops.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg	= begin(ning)
BO	= bind off
circ.	= circular
CO	= cast on
cont.	= continue
k	= knit
kfb	= knit into the front leg of the stitch and then knit into the back leg of the same stitch
k2tog	= knit 2 sts together
M	= marker
ndl(s)	= needle(s)
p	= purl
pM	= place marker
PUK	= pick up and knit
rem	= remaining
rep	= repeat
RS	= right side
rnd(s)	= round(s)
ssk	= slip 1 st knitwise, slip 1 st knitwise, move sts back onto left ndl in this orientation, knit stitches together through back loops
sM	= slip marker
st(s)	= stitch(es)
st st	= stockinette st
wyib	= with yarn in back
WS	= wrong side