

PetiteKnit

COAST BAG



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- Sizes:** small (large)
- Diameter:** 19 (25.5) cm [7½ (10) inches]
- Circumference:** 60 (80) cm [23½ (31½) inches]
- Height:** Approx. 40 (45) cm [15¾ (17¾) inches] (excl. handle)
- Gauge:** 12 sts x 18 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in eyelet pattern on 6 mm [US10] needles
- Needles:** Circular needles: 6 mm [US10] / 60 and 80 cm [24 and 32 inches] and 5 mm [US8] / 40 or 60 cm [16 or 24 inches]
Double-pointed needles: 5 mm [US8]
- Materials:** Approx. 320 (530) g Juutti by Lankava (700 g = 315 m [344 yds]) or other jute yarn with similar yardage

PATTERN

The Coast Bag is worked from the bottom up. The base of the bag is flat and is worked in the round on double-pointed needles, while the sides of the bag are worked in an eyelet pattern in the round on a circular needle. At the top, the bag is divided into two parts, and each part is worked flat, back and forth, with decreases. The bag is finished by working two knitted handles.

Decreases

The decreases at the top of the bag are worked as follows:

Sk2p: Slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k2tog through the back loops, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted together stitches (double decrease).

Dec1: Slip 1 stitch from the right to the left needle, pass the second stitch on the left needle over the one you just slipped (as if to bind off), slip the stitch from the left needle back onto the right needle (decrease).

Base

Cast on 8 sts on 5 mm [US8] double-pointed needles (i.e. 2 sts on each needle).

Join in the round and work as follows:

Round 1: * K1, yarn over, place a stitch marker *, repeat from * to * to end of round. There are now a total of 16 sts on the needles.

Round 2: Knit across all sts, while knitting the yarn overs through the back loop.

Now work 8 increases on every other round to shape the base as follows:

Round 1: * Knit to marker, yarn over, slip marker *, repeat from * to * a total of 8 times. (a total of 8 sts have been increased)

Round 2: Knit across all sts, while knitting the yarn overs through the back loop.

Work Rounds 1 and 2 a total of 7 (10) times. There are now a total of 72 (96) sts on the needles. Change to a longer circular needle 40 or 60 cm [16 or 24 inches] when required to accommodate the increasing number of sts.

The base of the bag has now been completed, and all stitch markers except the marker that marks the beginning of round can be removed.

Do not break the yarn as the next step follows from here.

Sides

The sides of the bag are worked in an eyelet pattern. Change to a 6 mm [US10] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] circular needle.

Work as follows:

Round 1: * Yarn over, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k2, pass the third stitch on the right needle over the first two sts on the right needle (as if to bind off) *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: Knit across the round to the last stitch, move the beginning of round marker so the round now begins before this stitch (i.e. move the beginning of the round 1 stitch to the right).

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until the bag measures 20 (20) cm [$7\frac{3}{4}$ ($7\frac{3}{4}$) inches] measured from the base. Note that the beginning of the round moves 1 stitch counterclockwise on every other round.

Divide the bag

Divide the bag into two equal sections on the next round (which is a Round 1 of the pattern), and finish each section separately.

Work as follows from the beginning of the round:

Round 1: Knit through first the front leg and then the back leg of the first stitch (the extra stitch is used to create a neat looking transition where the bag is divided), bind off 2 sts, * yarn over, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k2, pass the third stitch on the right needle over the first two sts on the right needle *, work from * to * a total of 11 (15) times, knit through first the front leg and then the back leg of the next stitch (the extra stitch is used to create a neat looking transition), bind off 2 sts, work from * to * a total of 11 (15) times. You are now at the beginning of the round and can remove the marker. Slip the next stitch on the left needle (which is the extra stitch for the transition) onto the right needle (this closes the gap between the two sts), turn.

Now work back and forth across the last 34 (46) sts that were just worked, while letting the first half of the sts rest (respectively 35 and 47 sts). The sts are divided where the 2 sts were bound off.

Now work flat, back and forth, with decreases on all RS rows as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Slip first stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front, purl to the last stitch on the needle, slip last stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front, turn.

Row 2 (RS): **Sk2p**, * yarn over, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k2, pass the third stitch on the right needle over the first two sts on the right needle *, work from * to * to the last stitch on the needle, **dec1**, turn. (a total of 3 sts have been decreased)

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 a total of 7 (10) times - until there are 13 (16) sts left on the needle. Work Row 1 once more, so the next row is a RS row.

Bind off the top edge while leaving 2 open sts at each end to use for working the handles. Work as follows: K2, knit through first the front leg and then the back leg of the next stitch, bind off until there are 2 sts left on the needle. Work an i-cord across the last 2 sts as follows: * K2, slip the sts back onto the left needle *, repeat from * to * until the i-cord measures 55 cm [$21\frac{3}{4}$ inches] – or to desired length.

Before the i-cord is grafted to the 2 live sts at the beginning of the bind off, pass the extra stitch that was formed when you knitted through the front and back of the same stitch over the neighboring stitch to close the gap between the two sts. Now graft the 2 live sts of the handle together with the two open sts on the bag (making sure the handle is not twisted around) and weave in the ends thoroughly.

Work the second side of the bag the same way as the first, while starting by passing the extra stitch (that is formed when knitting through the front and back of the same stitch) over the first stitch on the needle to close the gap between the two sts.

Weave in all ends.

Abbreviations

k knit

p purl

RS right side of your work

st(s) stitch(es)

WS wrong side of your work

Sk2p double decrease; slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k2tog through the back loops, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted together stitches

Dec1 decrease; slip 1 stitch from the right to the left needle, pass the second stitch on the left needle over the one you just moved (as if to bind off), slip the stitch from the left needle back onto the right needle



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