

PetiteKnit

JUNO BAG



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- Sizes:** small (large)
- Length:** 20 (28) cm [7¾ (11) inches]
- Height:** 14 (18) cm [5½ (7) inches] from bottom to zipper (i.e. excl. handle)
- Gauge:** 21 sts x 32 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in lace pattern on 3 mm [US2½] needles with two strands of yarn held together
- Needles:** 3 mm [US2½] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle
- Materials:** 100 (200) g Crealino by Lang Yarns (50 g = 165 m [180 yds]) (worked with two strands of yarn held together) **or** 100 (150) g Hør Organic by Isager Yarn (50 g = 178 m [195 yds]) (worked with two strands of yarn held together) **or** 100 (150) g Tynn Line by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 220 m [241 yds]) (worked with two strands of yarn held together)
- Fabric for lining: 86 x 14 (108 x 22) cm [33¾ x 5½ (42½ x 8¾) inches], zipper: 23 (28) cm [9 (11) inches], leather strap for handle: 45 cm [17¾ inches], optional: leather cord and label for bag charm

PATTERN

The Juno Bag is worked from the bottom up in a lace pattern. The cast-on edge runs along the middle of the bottom of the bag. The bottom is worked back and forth in the lace pattern, then stitches are picked up and knitted along the sides of the bottom for the sides of the bag. The sides of the bag are worked in the round in the lace pattern. At the top of the bag, stitches are bound off in the middle of the bag, while the stitches on each side are worked into the handle. The handle is worked in the round in the lace pattern. At the end, zipper, lining and a leather handle are installed. The pattern also contains sewing instructions for the lining.

Bottom

Cast on 45 (60) sts on a 3 mm [US2½] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle with two strands of the recommended yarn held together.

Purl across 1 row. The next row is a RS row.

Work back and forth in the lace pattern as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, * yarn over, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k2, pass the third stitch on the right needle over the first 2 sts on the right needle (as if to bind off) *, work from * to * to the last stitch on the needle, k1.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Row 3 (RS): K1, * slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k2, pass the third stitch on the right needle over the first 2 sts on the right needle, yarn over *, work from * to * to the last 2 sts on the needle, k2.

Row 4 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1-4 a total of 4 times (i.e. for a total of 16 rows) for both sizes. The next row is a RS row.

Break the yarn and place the sts on a stitch holder or extra circular needle, while the opposite side of the bottom is being worked.

RS facing, pick up and knit 45 (60) sts along the cast-on edge with a 3 mm [US2½] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle. The first row is a WS row.

Purl across 1 row. The next row is a RS row.

Work back and forth in the lace pattern as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, * yarn over, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k2, pass the third stitch on the right needle over the first 2 sts on the right needle (as if to bind off) *, work from * to * to the last stitch on the needle, k1.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Row 3 (RS): K1, * slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k2, pass the third stitch on the right needle over the first 2 sts on the right needle, yarn over *, work from * to * to the last 2 sts on the needle, k2.

Row 4 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1-4 a total of 4 times (i.e. for a total of 16 rows) for both sizes. The next row is a RS row.

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

The bottom of the bag has now been completed, and the cast-on edge is running along the center of the bottom. On the next row, pick up and knit sts from the RS along the short sides of the bottom, so the bag can be worked in the round in the lace pattern. If your stitches have been on hold on a stitch holder, slip them onto a circular needle.

Pick up and knit sts as follows:

Round 1: K2tog, * yarn over, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k2, pass the third stitch on the right needle over the first 2 sts on the right needle *, work from * to * to the last 4 sts on the needle, yarn over, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k1, k2tog through the back loops, pass the third stitch on the right needle over the first 2 sts on the right needle, pick up and knit 23 (23) sts along the short side of the bottom (equivalent to picking up 2 sts for every 3 rows), k2tog, * yarn over, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k2, pass the third stitch on the right needle over the first 2 sts on the right needle *, work from * to * to the last 4 sts on the needle, yarn over, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k1, k2tog through the back loops, pass the third stitch on the right needle over the first 2 sts on the right needle, pick up and knit 23 (23) sts along the short side of the bottom (equivalent to picking up 2 sts for every 3 rows). Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. There are now a total of 132 (162) sts on the needle.

Round 2: Knit to end of round.

Now work in the round in the lace pattern as follows:

Round 1: * Yarn over, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k2, pass the third stitch on the right needle over the first 2 sts on the right needle (as if to bind off) *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: Knit to the last stitch of the round, move the beginning of round marker so the round now begins here instead (meaning the beginning of the round is moved 1 stitch to the right).

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until the bag measures 14 (18) cm [$5\frac{1}{2}$ (7) inches], measured from where sts were picked up along the sides. Please note that the beginning of the round is moved 1 stitch to the right on every other round. End on a Round 1 of the pattern, so the next round is a Round 2 of the pattern (i.e. a round of knit sts).

Handle

The handle is worked in the round in the lace pattern across each side of the bag. First, the placement of the handle needs to be marked as follows: Follow a vertical row of eyelets in the lace pattern from the center line of the bottom of the bag and straight up along one end of the bag. Place a marker on the needle equivalent to the middle of one end of the bag, making sure to place the marker between two knit sts (meaning not next to a yarn over). Repeat for the other end and take care to make sure that there is the same number of sts on each half of the bag, divided by the markers (i.e. 66 (81) sts on each half).

Before working the handle, the beginning of the round needs to be moved as follows: Break the yarn and slip sts from the left to the right needle without knitting them to 9 (12) sts before one of the end markers. This now marks the beginning of the round. (Note: if your original beginning of round sits closer than the 9 (12) sts to the first end marker, you just keep slipping sts to 9 (12) sts before the second end marker.

Now, bind off sts where the zipper will be installed, while the sts for the handle is not bound off. Work as follows:

Round 1: Knit 9 (12) sts, slip marker, knit 9 (12) sts (a total of 18 (24) sts for the handle), bind off 48 (57) sts tightly, knit 9 (12) sts, slip marker, knit 9 (12) sts (a total of 18 (24) sts for the handle), bind off 48 (57) sts tightly.

Slip the sts for one handle onto a stitch holder, while continuing to work across the sts for the other handle, where the working yarn is now.

Do not break the yarn, as the handle is worked from here.

Place a marker at the beginning to mark the beginning of the round. The handle is worked in the round from the RS in the lace pattern using the Magic Loop technique as follows:

Round 1: * Yarn over, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k2, pass the third stitch on the right needle over the first 2 sts on the right needle (as if to bind off) *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: Knit to the last stitch of the round, move the beginning of round marker so the round now begins here instead (meaning the beginning of the round is moved 1 stitch to the right).

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until the handle measures 7 (7) cm [$2\frac{3}{4}$ ($2\frac{3}{4}$) inches] (measured from where the handle starts), while ending on a Round 1, so the next round is a Round 2. Slip the sts onto a stitch holder.

Break the yarn leaving a long tail that you can use when grafting the handle together at the end.

Place the sts for the other handle back on the needles, join new yarn from the RS and work the second handle the same way as the first. The handle will later be grafted together, after the zipper and the lining has been installed.

Finishing

Sew in the zipper along the bound off edges of the bag using invisible stitches.

Now install the lining in the bag. Fold the top edge of the lining 1 cm [$\frac{1}{2}$ inch] to the WS and press along the fold with your nail before installing the lining in the bag. Also press a fold along the middle of the lining, so there is a fold along the ends of the lining (equivalent to where the handle is placed on the bag). Optionally place a safety pin at each end to help guide you. The lining is most easily installed if you turn your bag inside out. Sew the lining to the zipper with invisible stitches but leave the rest of the fabric (approx. 10 cm [4 inches] of fabric) on each side of the zipper unattached.

The unattached ends of the lining are folded and pushed flat up into the handle, so they sit neatly. Also sew each corner of the lining to the corners of the bottom of the bag with a single stitch each, to hold the lining in place.

Now graft the ends of the handle together using Kitchener stitch and yarn. Be aware that the beginning of the round on the two parts of the handle do not sit across from each other.

Place the leather handle strap along the top of the handle, and down along the sides of the bag. Sew the leather strap to the bag using yarn, while sewing through both the knitted fabric and the lining underneath. Sewing through both bag and lining is important in order to give the bag strength.

Sewing guide for lining

The lining is shaped like an elongated box and consists of a bottom and sides. The lining is sewn from two rectangles of fabric (one for the bottom and one for the sides).

1. Cut the fabric so the bottom piece measures 13.5 x 21.5 (12.5 x 29.5) cm [$5\frac{1}{4}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$ (5 x $11\frac{1}{2}$) inches] and the side piece measures 14 x 64 (22 x 78) cm [$5\frac{1}{2}$ x $25\frac{1}{4}$ ($8\frac{3}{4}$ x $30\frac{3}{4}$) inches]. Both are incl. a 1 cm [$\frac{1}{2}$ inch] seam allowance.
2. Fold the fabric for the sides in half lengthwise and sew the two short ends together.
3. Fold the fabric for the bottom twice and press along the edge with your nail to create visible creases that marks the center of each of the four sides. Also fold the sewn together side piece twice and press with a nail to create creases that mark the center of each side. Match each of the four crease marks on the bottom with a crease mark on the sides and pin them together (meaning the bottom and the sides are pinned together).
4. Cut a 0.5 cm [$\frac{1}{4}$ inch] notch in the side fabric at each of the round corners, so it can be pinned to the bottom fabric and more easily be sewn together. Now sew the two pieces together with a 1 cm [$\frac{1}{2}$ inch] seam allowance.

Bag charm

Cast on 11 sts on a 3 mm [US2 $\frac{1}{2}$] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle with two strands of the recommended yarn held together.

The charm is worked in a slipped stitch pattern using the Magic Loop technique. Work as follows:

Round 1: K1, * slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work, k1 *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work, * k1, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

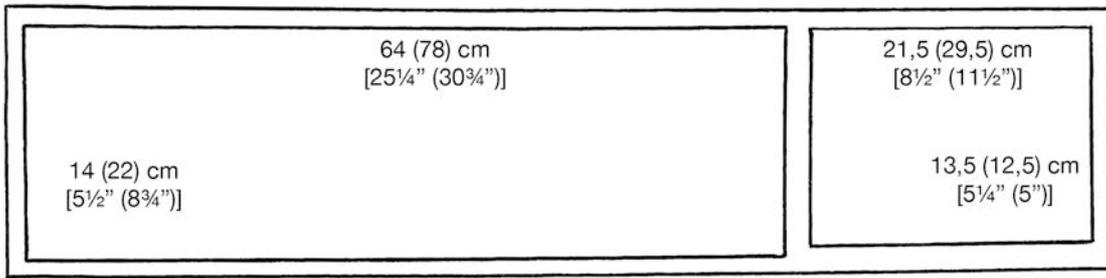
Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until the work measures 5.5 cm [$2\frac{1}{4}$ inches]. Bind off.

Sew a leather label onto the charm and fold the leather cord double and insert it through the tube of the charm. Tie a knot right above and right below the tube and place it on the handle of the bag.

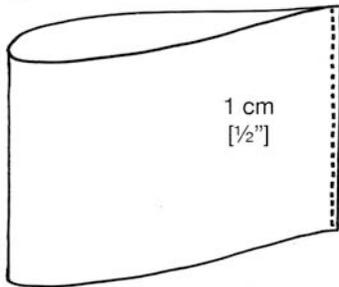
Abbreviations

k	knit
k2tog	decrease (right-leaning); knit two stitches together
p	purl
RS	right side of your work
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side of your work

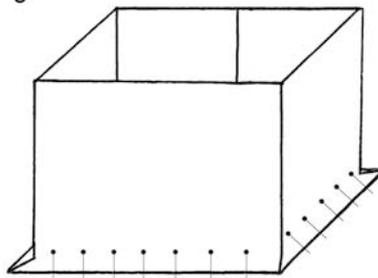
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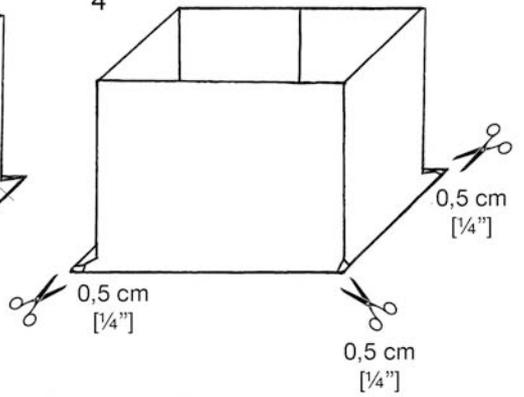
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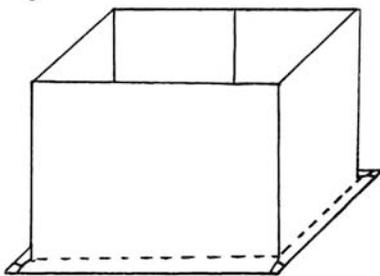
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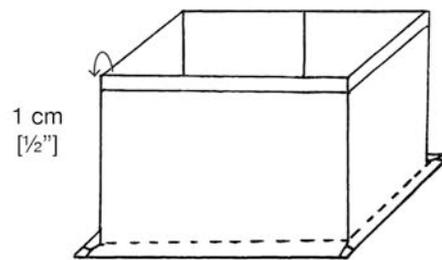
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