

PetiteKnit

SIENNA BAG



Sizes: small (large)

Measurements: 16 x 18 (18 x 21) cm [6¼ x 7 (7 x 8¼) inches]

Gauge: 25 sts x 42 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in slipped stitch pattern on a 5 mm [US8] needle

Needles: 5 mm [US8] double-pointed needles and a 2.5 mm [US1½] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle

Materials: 50 (100) g Japansk Bomuld by Isager Yarn (50 g = 315 m [344 yds]) (worked with three strands of yarn held together) **or** 100 (150) g Crealino by Lang Yarns (50 g = 165 m [180 yds]) (worked with three strands of yarn held together)

Leather cord (3.7 m x 3 mm [4 yds x ¼ inch]), stitch holder tubing or cord for picking up and knitting stitches, sewing needle and thread

PATTERN

The Sienna Bag is worked from the top down in a slipped stitch pattern (linen stitch) with three strands of the recommended yarn held together. The bag is knitted together at the bottom. After this, stitches are picked up and knitted along the sides of the bag and casings for the leather strings are worked.

Bag

Cast on 71 (81) sts on 5 mm [US8] double-pointed needles or on a 5 mm [US8] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needle, if you prefer to use the Magic Loop technique.

Join the work in the round, making sure that the cast-on edge is not twisted and work in the slipped stitch pattern 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 bag measures 18 (21) cm [7 (8¼) inches].

Now knit the bottom of the bag together (using a three-needle bind-off) as follows:

Slip half of the sts onto a 2.5 mm [US1½] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle without knitting them, distributing the stitches with 35 (40) sts at one end of the circular needle and 36 (41) sts at the other end. Turn the bag WS out and place the two ends of the circular needle on top of each other. Knit the two sets of sts together with a 3rd needle (knitting together the first stitch on the front needle with the first stitch on the back needle all the way along), while at the same time binding off. Since there is an odd number of sts on the needle, the last 3 sts are knitted together at the end. Turn the bag RS out again.

Casing for leather cord

Pick up and knit sts along the sides of the bag with three strands of the recommended yarn held together and knit casings for the leather cord from these sts. Sts are partly picked up and knitted onto a 2.5 mm [US1½] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle and partly onto a length of stitch holder tubing or cord. See video at www.petiteknit.com

Using a 2.5 mm [US1½] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle and a length of stitch holder tubing or cord, pick up and knit sts as follows:

* Pick up and knit a stitch through the V of a knit stitch, and bring the yarn around the stitch holder tubing, so you now have both a stitch on the circular needle and a stitch on the stitch holder tubing *, repeat from * to * until sts have been picked up and knitted all the way down the side of the bag, while following the same row of sts all the way down. Make sure that there are the same number of sts on the circular needle and the stitch holder tubing. The total number of sts should be approx. 38 (44) sts each on the stitch holder and the circular needle (i.e. 76 (88) sts in total) – please note that getting this exact number of sts is not required, the most important thing is that you have picked up sts all the way from the top to the bottom and the same number on needle and holder.

Now work the two walls of the casing, one at a time. Starting with a WS row, work the first wall of the casing back and forth across the sts on the circular needle. Let the sts on the stitch holder rest.

Work as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Purl across all sts.

Row 2 (RS): Knit across all sts.

Row 3 (WS): Purl across all sts.

Move the sts from the circular needle onto the stitch holder tubing and let them rest.

Move the sts on the stitch holder tubing onto the circular needle, so you can work the second wall of the casing. Do not break the yarn, as the next step follows from here.

Work the second wall of the casing as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Purl across all sts.

Row 2 (RS): Knit across all sts.

Row 3 (WS): Purl across all sts.

Now move the resting sts from the stitch holder tubing back onto the circular needle, so the sts for each of the two walls are at each end of the circular needle. Hold the two ends of the circular needle on top of each other and graft the two sets of sts together tightly to close the top of the casing. Weave in the ends as invisibly as possible.

Work a second casing along the other side of the bag in the same way.

Finishing

Weave in all ends.

Insert the two leather cords through the casing at the same time, by stringing the ends onto a small safety pin and guiding them through the casing using this safety pin. Adjust the length of the cords so they have the desired length. Tie a knot at each end of the cords, then tie the two cords together with a knot approx. 5-6 cm [2-2¼ inches] from the end.

Using a sewing needle and sewing thread (in the same color as the yarn), sew approx. 10 stitches through the bag, the casing and the leather cord at the top of the bag on each side– to ensure that the tension created by the weight of the content of the bag is distributed evenly.

Abbreviations

k knit

p purl

RS right side of your work

st(s) stitch(es)

WS wrong side of your work



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