



VIENNA Bag

The VIENNA Bag is a practical, small bag with a decorative diagonal basketweave pattern. Ideal for safely storing sunglasses or a mobile phone and ideal for clearing out stash... only about 40 g of yarn is needed for the bag.

The bag is worked flat, from the bottom up, in a diagonal basketweave stitch pattern and later sewn together at the sides. Why not worked in the round? On the one hand, the basketweave pattern is more comfortable to knit flat than in the round, and on the other hand, the side seams give the bag a certain shape stability.

In addition to the basic variant with a double-knit cuff at the upper end, the instructions also contain two other bag variants, a sunglass case with a snap fastener and a cell phone case with a fastener flap.

Techniques used: Magic CO, diagonal basketweave stitch pattern, ‚Magic-Loop-Method‘, kfb increase, ‚Italian BO‘, ‚3-Needle-BO‘.

BASIC PATTERN SUNGLASSES / MOBILE PHONE CASE



MEASUREMENTS

Width: 9 cm

Length: 18 cm

The measurements can also be individually adjusted to the size of the mobile phone or sunglasses. Just cast on a few stitches more or less (number of stitches must be divisible by 2) and increase or decrease the number of rows.

YARN

50 g ‚Merino+‘ by Lang Yarns (100 % Pure Wool; 90 m / 50 g) or

50 g ‚Peruvian Highland Wool‘ by Filcolana (100 % Pure Wool; 100 m/ 50 g) or

50 g ‚Pure Wool Worsted‘ by Rowan (100 % Pure Wool; 200 m/ 100 g) or 50 g ‚Smart‘ by Sandnes Garn (100 % Pure Wool; 100 m/ 50 g).

NEEDLES

(80 – 100 cm / 32 – 40“) circular needle size 3.5 mm (US 4 / UK 10 or 9) (for the ‚Magic Loop Method‘)

NOTIONS

Tapestry needle, magnetic button or snap button as closure (optional).

STITCH PATTERNS

Diagonal basketweave stitch pattern: see „Method“.

Selvedge stitch (ES): always knit the first and last st of every row.

GAUGE / TENSION

Worked in diagonal basketweave stitch pattern using 3.5 mm size ndls: 32 sts x 29 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4“ square (washed and measured lying flat). Please adjust needle size, if necessary, to obtain correct gauge.

METHOD

Loosely CO **64 sts**, using circ. ndls size 3.5 mm and the ‚Magic CO‘, leaving a generous yarn tail, for closing the side seams later, of approx. **30 cm / 11.8“**. Here is a helpful tutorial on the ‚Magic CO‘:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Vku17-6GvM>

There now should be **32 sts** on the ndl. Turn the work 180 degrees, so that the previously lower needle is now on top = 1st ndl. Work back and forth (in RS- and WS rows) in diagonal basketweave stitch pattern over the sts on the 1st ndl, place the sts of the 2nd ndl on hold (*Pic. 1*).

Diagonal basketweave stitch pattern:

Row 1 (RS): k1 (=ES), *C1/1L, i.e. knit the second stitch on the LH ndl into the back loop, leave the st on the ndl, then knit the first stitch on the LH ndl, slip both sts from LH ndl, rep from * to the last st, end with k1 (=ES).

Row 2 (WS): k1 (=ES), p1, *C1/1R, i.e. purl the second stitch on LH ndl, leave the st on the ndl, then purl the first stitch on the LH ndl, slip both sts from LH ndl, rep from * to the last 2 sts, end with p1, k1 (=ES).

To better illustration, here is a tutorial on the diagonal basketweave stitch pattern:

<https://www.garnstudio.com/video.php?id=538&lang=us>

Work **rows 1 and 2** a total of 23 times, until 46 rows are worked and work measures approx. 16 cm / 6.3". End with a WS row (**Pic. 2**). Cut yarn and put sts on hold onto a circ. ndl or spare ndl.



Pic. 1
Knitted piece, after working 6 rows using 1st ndl, diagonal basket the sts of 2nd ndl are put on hold.



Pic. 2
Knitted piece, after working 46 rows in basketweave, the first part is finished.

Place the held sts of 2nd ndl back onto the ndl. Join yarn, leaving a generous yarn tail, for closing the side seams later, of approx. **30 cm / 11.8"**. Work 2nd ndl in the same way as described for 1st ndl, i.e. start with a RS row and work **46 rows** in diagonal basketweave stitch pattern as described above. End with a WS row, do not cut yarn. Both parts should be identical. So, if the number of rows is adjusted, then do so for both the first and the second part.

Now fold both parts together, the cast-on edge forms the folding edge (**Pic. 3**). Work the cuff at the top in the round, using the 'Magic Loop Method' (Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/mB7kCsUsGD0>).

Tip: „If you prefer to work with double pointed needles instead of the 'Magic Loop Method', you can also distribute the cuff-sts evenly over 4 dpns and work in the round.“

Work the cuff in 'double knit' ('Double face knitting'), as follows:

Rnd 1: 2nd ndl: *k1, sl1 purlwise (wyif), rep from * to end of ndl.

1st ndl: *k1, sl1 purlwise (wyif), rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: 2nd ndl: *sl1 purlwise (wyib), p1, rep from * to end of ndl.

1st ndl: *sl1 purlwise (wyib), p1, rep from * to end of rnd.

Rep **rows 1 and 2** a total of 6 times, until **12 rnds** are worked and cuff measures approx. 2 cm / 0.8" (**Pic. 4**).



Pic. 3
Fold both parts over CO edge...



Pic. 4
...and work 2 cm / 0.8" in 'double knit' in the round, to form the cuff.

Cut yarn, leaving a yarn tail of approx. 50 cm / 19.7" and BO cuff using the 'Italian BO Method'.

Here is a helpful tutorial on this method: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhJGkzgLJEY>

In the next step, close the side seams using the **mattress stitch**. Use the 30 cm / 11.8" long yarn tails, and start seaming at the folding edge.

Using a blunt tapestry needle, alternately pull thread yarn through the 2 outermost bars of right- and left part, as follows: First, thread yarn through both bars between the selvedge stitch and the first pattern-stitch of right part (*Pic. 5*), rep the same for left part (*Pic. 6*), then insert tapestry needle into the previous exit point of the right part and thread yarn through 2 bars again. Subsequently, insert tapestry needle into the previous exit point of the left part and thread yarn through 2 bars.

Rep the last 2 steps throughout and pull yarn tight at regular intervals (*Pic. 7 and 8*).

For those who prefer moving images, here is a mattress stitch tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z88t5yUrrRw>



Pic. 5

Pick up the 2 bars between selvedge stitch and first pattern-stitch on right part and pull yarn through...



Pic. 6

... pick up the 2 bars between selvedge stitch and first first pattern-stitch on left part and pull yarn through.



Pic. 7

Alternately thread yarn through the 2 outermost bars of right- and left part...



Pic. 8

...and pull yarn tight at regular intervals.

FINISHING

Weave in all yarn ends. Steam the bag under a damp cloth or wash completely (and let it lie flat to dry), this will even out the sts of the diagonal basketweave stitch pattern. If desired, a magnet or snap fastener can be sewn to the inside of the cuff as a closure.

SUNGLASS CASE WITH SNAP CLOSURE



MEASUREMENTS

Width: 8,5 cm / 3.4"

Length: 18 cm / 7.1"

The sunglasses case with snap closure is a tad narrower than the basic model, so that it optimally adapts to the dimensions of the spring closure.

YARN

see basic pattern

NEEDLES

(80 – 100 cm / 32 – 40") circular needle size 3.5 mm (US 4 / UK 10 or 9) for the ‚Magic Loop Method‘

Circular ndl size 3.0 mm (US 2 or 3 / UK 11), for the top closure.

NOTIONS

tapestry needle, spring closure, approx. 1,4 cm / 0.6" wide x 8,4 cm / 3.3" long

(e.g. from: <https://www.naehkaufhaus.de/Federverschluss-Schnappverschluss/Federverschluss-8-4cm-x-1-4cmp5761.htm>)

METHOD

CO **60 sts**, using circ. ndls size 3.5 mm and the ‚Magic CO‘, leaving a generous yarn tail, for closing the side seams later, of approx. **30 cm / 11.8"**.

There should be **30 sts** on the ndl. Rotate the work 180 degrees, so that the previously lower needle is now on top = 1st ndl. Work in diagonal basketweave stitch pattern over the sts on the 1st ndl for **46 rows**, as described for the basic pattern on page 2. End with a WS row, do not cut yarn.

Now work the tunnel for the spring closure. To do this, in the next RS row, first double all stitches, except for the last two stitches, as follows:

Increase-rnd: *kfb, rep from * to the last 2 sts before end of rnd, k2 (= 58 sts).

Distribute these **58 sts** evenly over 2 needles, as follows: hold two circular needles, size 3.0 mm and 3.5 mm, parallel to each other. Alternately slip sts without twisting them: *1 st onto the 3.0 mm size ndl at the front, 1 st onto the 3.5 mm size ndl at the back, rep from * until all sts are distributed over the 2 ndls (**Pic. 9 and 10**). There should be 29 sts on each ndl.

Pick up the working yarn and work 1/1 ribbing over the **29 sts** on the 3.0 mm size front ndl (seen from the front), place the 29 sts at the back on hold. Start with a WS row, as follows:

Row 1 (WS): p2, *k1, p1, rep from * to the last st before end of row, p1.

Row 2 (RS): k2, *p1, k1, rep from * to the last st before end of row, k1.

Rep **rows 1 and 2** a total of 4 times until **8 rows** are worked (**Pic. 11**). Then move the front ndl to the back, parallel to the back ndl, and continually knit together 1 stitch from the front ndl with 1 stitch from the back ndl and BO at the same time = ‚3-needle bind off‘ (**Pic. 12**). Here is a ‚3-needle bind off‘ tutorial ‘: <https://youtu.be/dhzlHzDmi4M>

When all sts are bound off, cut yarn and weave in the yarn ends.



Pic. 9
Distribute sts evenly over 2 needles...



Pic. 10
...so that there are 29 sts on each needle.



Pic. 11
Work 8 rows ribbing using needle size 3.00 mm.



Pic. 12
Ktog the sts of front needle an back needle and BO at the same time, creating a tunnel.

Place the held sts of 2nd ndl_back onto the ndl. Join yarn, leaving a generous yarn tail, for closing the side seams later, of approx. **30 cm / 11.8"**. Work the sts on 2nd ndl in the same way as described for 1st ndl.

Then fold both parts together (folding edge = CO edge) and close the **side seams**, up to the tunnel, using the **mattress stitch**, as described for basic pattern on page 4. Do not cut off the leftover yarn ends from sewing yet, they can be used later for fine tuning/closing the tunnels.

Before inserting the spring closure, steam the case under a damp cloth, especially the tunnels, this will make them slightly wider, smoother and flatter.

Then carefully push the spring closure through the two tunnels (**Pic. 13**). This requires a bit of sensitivity, as the tunnels are relatively narrow so that the spring closure is later incorporated as firmly as possible.

Tip: „To prevent the front sharp edges to get caught in the wool, I temporarily wrap these areas with adhesive strips beforehand.“



Pic. 13
Carefully bring the spring closure through the tunnel.



Pic. 14
Close the sides with a few stitches.

After both parts of the spring closure have been pushed parallel through the tunnel, remove the adhesive strip and lock the closure with the metal pin. Adjust the tunnel a bit, steam again if necessary and close the sides with a few stitches (**Pic. 14**).

If you like, you can leave the sides open so that the ends of the clasp remain visible.

PHONE CASE WITH FASTENING STRAP



MEASUREMENTS

Width: 10 cm / 4"

Length: 17 cm / 6.7"

The dimensions can also be individually adapted to the size of the respective mobile phone. Simply cast on a few stitches more or less (number of stitches must be divisible by 2) and increase or decrease the number of rows.

YARN

see basic pattern

NEEDLES

(80 – 100 cm / 32 – 40") circular needle size 3.5 mm (US 4 / UK 10 or 9) for the ‚Magic Loop Method‘

NOTIONS

Tapestry needle, spare ndl to place sts on hold, Magnetic button or snap button as closure.

METHOD

Work this case in the same way as described for basic pattern on pages 2-4. But CO **68 sts** instead of 64 sts and work **44 rows** instead of 46 rows in diagonal basketweave stitch pattern or adjust the number of rows and sts individually to the size of the respective mobile phone. Also work the cuff in the same way as described for basic, i.e. work **12 rnds** (approx. 2 cm / 0.8") in ‚double knit‘. Cut yarn, leaving a generous yarn tail of approx. 50 cm / 19.7" and BO the sts using the ‚Italian BO Method‘, as follows:

BO 12 sts, place 10 sts on hold (*Pic. 15*), thread the yarn tail through the sts underneath the held sts, using a tapestry needle (*Pic. 16*) and BO the rem 46 sts.



Pic. 15
BO 12 sts using the Italian BO method, then place 10 sts on hold...



Pic. 16
...thread yarn tail through sts underneath the held sts (so it doesn't have to be cut off unnecessarily) and BO the rem sts acc to the Italian BO method.

Place the **10 held sts** back onto a 3.5 mm size ndl, join yarn (*Pic. 17*) and work in 'double knit', as follows:

Row 1 (RS): *k1, sl1 purlwise (wyif), rep from * to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): *k1, sl1 purlwise (wyif), rep from * to end of row.

Rep **rows 1 and 2** a total of 15 times, until **30 rows** are worked and the strap measures approx. 6 cm / 2.4" (*Pic. 18*). Cut yarn, leaving a yarn tail of approx. 10 cm / 4" and BO the 10 sts, acc to the 'Italian BO Method'.



Pic. 17
Place the 10 held sts back onto the ndl...



Pic. 18
...and to form the strap, work double knitting for approx. 6 cm / 2.4"

FINISHING

Weave in all yarn ends, equalize the transition from the cuff to the strap and, if necessary, close small 'holes' with a few stitches. Steam the bag under a damp cloth or wash completely. Finally, sew a magnet or snap fastener to the inside of the strap.

ABBREVIATIONS

acc	=	according
beg	=	begin(ning)
BO	=	bind off
circ.	=	circular
CO	=	cast on
dpn(s)	=	double pointed needle(s)
ES	=	edge stitch
k	=	knit
kfb	=	knit in the front and the back of the stitch
LH	=	left hand
ndl(s)	=	needle(s)
p	=	purl
rem	=	remaining
rep	=	repeat
rnd(s)	=	round(s)
sl	=	slip
sl1	=	slip 1 stitch purlwise
RS	=	right side
st(s)	=	stitch(es)
wyib	=	with yarn in back
wyif	=	with yarn in front
WS	=	wrong side