

Knitting Pattern

Basket Weave Bag

Difficulty: Intermediate

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Construction:

Basket Weave Bag is worked by knitting the straps/handle in the round, then dividing the straps/handle from the body of the bag, and continue to work in the round until the bottom, then sew up with 3 needle bind off method on the wrong side.

Gauge:

20 sts and 27 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4" in stockinette stitch after blocking.

Size:

S (M, L)

**Finished measurements:**

Size	Length of the straps/handle	Width	Height
S	14cm / 5.5"	29cm / 11.4"	28cm / 11"
M	40cm / 15.7"	33cm / 13"	37cm / 14.6"
L	43cm / 16.9"	37cm / 14.6"	41cm / 16.1"

Yarns:

Stitch & Story, Secret Garden, 60% cotton, 40% Acrylic, 218 yards/ 200 m/ 100g

1 (1.5, 2) balls, approximately 200 (300, 400)m

Circular needles:

4mm / 6 US (40~80cm)

Other Materials:

Removable stitch markers, waste yarn.

Abbreviations:

BO	Bind off
BOR	Beginning of the round
CO	Cast on
k	Knit
ktbl	Knit 1 stitch through the back loop
k2tog	Knit 2 stitches together
M	Marker
p	Purl
PM	Place marker
RM	Remove marker
rep	Repeat
rnd(s)	Round(s)
RS	Right side
st(s)	Stitch(es)
ssk	Slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, return these 2 stitches to left hand needle, then knit them together through the back loop.
SM	Slip marker
TS	Total stitches
WS	Wrong side
yo	Yarn over
[]	repeat stitches within brackets

Backwards loop cast-on method:

See this tutorial video on Youtube : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wJ9Nqe0qD0>

Instructions

With 4 mm (6 US) needle, long tail cast on 132 (246, 270) sts, **PM**(BOR) and join for working in the round. Be careful not to twist the stitches.

Next Rnd: p1, ktbl, [p2, ktbl] rep to 1 st before M, p1.

Rep last Rnd for 6 more times.

Divide the straps/handle from the body of the bag

Prepare 4 removable stitch markers, place the first marker after the 18th (24th, 27th) st, place the second marker after the 48th (99th, 108th) st, place the 3rd marker after the 84th (147th, 162nd) st, place the 4th marker after the 114th (222nd, 243rd) st.

Dividing Rnd: p1, [ktbl, p2] rep to 2 sts before M, ktbl, p1, **RM**, slip next 30 (75, 81)sts to waste yarn, **RM**, use back wards loop cast-on method, CO 24 (24, 30)sts, continue to work the next sts: p1, [ktbl, p2] rep to 2 sts before M, ktbl, p1, **RM**, slip next 30 (75, 81)sts to waste yarn, **RM**, use back wards loop cast-on method, CO 24 (24, 30)sts, continue to work the next sts: p1, [ktbl, p2] rep to 2 sts before M, ktbl, p1, **SM** (BOR).

Next Rnd: p1, ktbl, [p2, ktbl] rep to 1 st before M, p1, **SM** (BOR). TS: 120 (144, 168)

Rep last Rnd for 6 more times.

Continue to the basket weave stitch as follows

Rnd1: p3, k3, [p5, k3] rep to 2 sts before M, p2, **SM** (BOR).

Rnd2: Same as Rnd1.

Rnd3: Same as Rnd1.

Rnd4: Same as Rnd1.

Rnd5: k2, yo, k2tog, [k1, ssk, yo, k3, yo, k2tog] rep to 4 sts before M, k1, ssk, yo, k1, **SM** (BOR).

Rnd6: k to M, **SM** (BOR).

Rnd7: k2, p5, [k3, p5] rep to 1 st before M, k1, **SM** (BOR).

Rnd8: Same as Rnd7.

Rnd9: Same as Rnd7.

Rnd10: Same as Rnd7.

Rnd11: [k1, ssk, yo, k3, yo, k2tog] rep to M, **SM** (BOR).

Rnd12: k to M, **SM** (BOR).

Rep Rnd1~12 for 3 (5, 6) more times.

Next Rnd: p1, ktbl, [p2, ktbl] rep to 1 st before M, p1, **SM** (BOR).

Rep last Rnd for 3 (5, 5) more times.

Decrease for the bottom

Place a removable stitch marker after the 60th (72nd, 84th) st to indicate the both sides of the bag.

- Rnd1: *p1, ktbl, p2, ktbl, p1, k2tog, p2, [ktbl, p2] rep to 8 sts before M, ssk, p1, ktbl, p2, ktbl, p1**, **SM**; rep from * to **, **SM** (BOR). TS: 116 (140, 164)
- Rnd2: *p1, ktbl, p2, ktbl, p1, k1, p2, [ktbl, p2] rep to 7 sts before M, k1, p1, ktbl, p2, ktbl, p1**, **SM**; rep from * to **, **SM** (BOR).
- Rnd3: *p1, ktbl, p2, ktbl, k2tog, p2, [ktbl, p2] rep to 7 sts before M, ssk, ktbl, p2, ktbl, p1**, **SM**; rep from * to **, **SM** (BOR). TS: 112 (136, 160)
- Rnd4: *p1, ktbl, p2, ktbl, k1, p2, [ktbl, p2] rep to 6 sts before M, k1, ktbl, p2, ktbl, p1**, **SM**; rep from * to **, **SM** (BOR).
- Rnd5: *p1, ktbl, p2, k2tog, p2, [ktbl, p2] rep to 6 sts before M, ssk, p2, ktbl, p1**, **SM**; rep from * to **, **SM** (BOR). TS: 108 (132, 156)
- Rnd6: *p1, ktbl, p2, k1, p2, [ktbl, p2] rep to 5 sts before M, k1, p2, ktbl, p1**, **SM**; rep from * to **, **SM** (BOR).
- Rnd7: *p1, ktbl, p1, k2tog, p2, [ktbl, p2] rep to 5 sts before M, ssk, p1, ktbl, p1**, **SM**; rep from * to **, **SM** (BOR). TS: 104 (128, 152)
- Rnd8: *p1, ktbl, k2tog, p2, [ktbl, p2] rep to 4 sts before M, ssk, ktbl, p1**, **SM**; rep from * to **, **SM** (BOR). TS: 100 (124, 148)
- Rnd9: *p1, k2tog, p2, [ktbl, p2] rep to 3 sts before M, ssk, p1**, **SM**; rep from * to **, **SM** (BOR). TS: 96 (120, 144)
- Rnd10: *k2tog, p2, [ktbl, p2] rep to 2 sts before M, ssk**, **SM**; rep from * to **, **SM** (BOR). TS: 92 (116, 140)

Bottom finishing:

With 4mm (6 US) needle, wrong side facing, place stitches of both sides on parallel needles, BO with 3 needle bind off method as follows: Using a third needle knit the first stitch from the front and back needle together, *knit the next stitch from each needle together, slip the first stitch over the second; rep from* until 1 st remains, break yarn and pull it through the remaining live st to secure.

See this tutorial video on Youtube : https://youtu.be/84E4_gQc6V0

Straps/Handle finishing

Slip the stitches previously kept on waste yarn onto your needle for subsequent operation.

With 4mm (6 US) needle, right side facing, beginning at the right corner of the center CO edge, joint yarn then pick up and knit 24 (24, 30) sts from the center CO edge; then pick up and knit 2 extra sts between the left corner of the center CO edge and the held sts, then knit the held 30 (75, 81) sts; then pick up and knit 2 extra sts between the held sts and the right corner of the center CO edge.

BO all sts knitwise.

See this tutorial video on Youtube : <https://youtu.be/hay8DyapvIQ>

Finishing

Weave in the ends and wet block to measurements.

See the tutorial videos for the Macramé leaves and accessories on my IG post: @irenelin1125