Lotus Bag

No. 2004-192-9145

Materials

2 skeins of 1.8 oz. (50 g) of Rainbow,

col. 98 **A**

1 skein of 1.8 oz. (50 g) of Rainbow,

col. 97 **B**

Double pointed needles US size 2.5 (3 mm)
Circular needle 23.6 inches (60 cm) US size
2.5 (3 mm)

Measurements

Width: 12.6 inches (32 cm)

Gauge

28 stitches and 36 rounds of stockinette
stitch on 4" (10 cm)

Buy the yarn here

http://shop.hobbii.com/lotus-bag

Abbreviations

1 increase:
Pick up the horizontal loop between the
stitches and knit it through the back loop.
3 stitches together:
Slip 1 stitch knitwise, knit 2 stitches together
through the back loop, pull the loose stitch
over.

Pattern information

The base of the bag is knitted in stockinette
stitch with increases.
The side of the bag is knitted in a pattern
with stripes.
The straps are knitted as i-cords and sewn
onto the bag in the end.

Techniques
You can find videos of the techniques used in the pattern here:
I-cord - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-IPvSofGFs

Pattern
The base of the bag
Cast on 8 stitches using color **B** and divide on 4 needles.
1. rnd: knit
2. rnd: *k1, 1 increase*, repeat to the end of the rnd = 16 stitches.
3. rnd: knit
4. rnd: *k2, 1 increase*, repeat to the end of the rnd = 24 stitches.
5. rnd: knit
6. rnd: *k3, 1 increase*, repeat to the end of the rnd = 32 stitches.
Continue like this, with 1 more stitch between the increases until you have 27 x 8 stitches = 216 stitches.

The sides of the bag
From now on, you work a zigzag pattern, stripes and ridges.

Change to color **A** and work:
1. pattern-rnd: *25 knit stitches, 3 stitches together, knit 25, yarn over, k1, yarn over*, repeat until the end of the rnd.
Place a marker around the middle stitch in the increase and around the stitch between the yarn overs.
2. knit-rnd: knit.
3. pattern-rnd: work pattern like the 1st rnd.

Note: Please be aware that the decreases and increases are placed right above each other.

4. knit-rnd : knit.
5. pattern-rnd: pattern.
6. ridge-rnd: purl.
7. pattern-rnd: pattern.
8. Knit-rnd: knit.
9. pattern-rnd: pattern.
10. knit-rnd: knit.
11. pattern-rnd: pattern.
12. knit-rnd: knit.
Change to color **B**.
13. pattern-rnd: pattern.
14. knit-rnd: knit.
Change to color **A,** and repeat from 1st rnd, and repeat the 14 rnds until the work measures approx. 9.8 inches (25 cm) along the side. Finish with the 6. Pattern rnd.
Bind off in purl stitches from the right side.

Strap
The strap is knitted as an i-cord on 2 double pointed needles.

Cast on 8 stitches, *push the stitches to the opposite tip (the one without yarn on it) tighten the yarn and work the 8 stitches knitwise*, repeat from * to * until the strap measures approx. 17.7 inches (45 cm).
Bind off
Work one more strap the same way.
Sew the straps on to the top of the bag at the increases.

Happy knitting!

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