

Sunshine String Bag by Elizabeth Moreno



Materials

Yarn: Rowan Cotton Rope (Cotton/Acrylic 63yds) 2 balls of Main Color (MC): #61 Orange, 1 ball of Contrast Color (CC): #60 Yellow

Needles: US 9 (5.5mm) and 10.5 (6.5mm) short circulars (16 – 24 inches max). If you don't have a short enough circular, you could use magic loop, or 2 circulars. The top handle section could be done on dpns but they would probably fall out of the looser mesh section. You will need to use size 9 dpns or one of these other methods to work the bottom of the bag.

Gauge

In garter stitch: 3.5 sts & 8 rows to the inch

Finished Size:

12 inches wide, 11.5 inches deep

Stitches & Techniques Used

Garter stitch (in the round: knit 1 round, purl 1 round)

Purse Stitch (all rounds Yo, p2tog repeat to end)

Cable Cast on

NOTE: I worked my bag inside out. I liked the 'wrong' side of the purse stitch better in the striped section. You'll need to decide which you prefer before you start carrying the yarn up. If you like the 'wrong' side like I did, you'll need to carry your unused color up on the outside of the bag so that it will end up on the inside when you finish the bag.

To help you pick, here is the inside of my bag:



Bag top & handles

Using MC and size 9 needles, cast on 100 sts. Join in the round being careful not to twist stitches. Beginning with a Knit round, work in Garter stitch for 5 rounds.

Bag Body

Round 6: *Purl 14, p2tog, bind off next 19 sts, sl last stitch from bind off back on to left needle and p2tog, p14, repeat from *.

Round 7: *K15, cast on 15 sts using cable cast on, k15, repeat from *. (90 sts total)

Rounds 8 – 12: continue in garter stitch

Round 13: with 10.5 needle begin purse stitch pattern

Work 4 more rounds of purse stitch with MC. Then begin alternating 1 rnd CC, 1 rnd MC until you've worked a total of 14 stripes of CC ending with that CC round.

Bag Bottom

Round 1: Using MC, p2tog across all stitches (45 sts rem)

Round 2: With MC, knit

Round 3: Switch to CC and size 9 needles and Knit all stitches

Round 4: With CC, p7, p2tog, repeat 4 more times (40 sts rem)

Round 5: With MC, knit

Round 6: With MC, p6, p2tog, repeat 4 more times (35 sts rem)

Round 7: With CC,

Round 8: With CC, p5, p2tog, repeat 4 more times (30 sts rem)

Round 9: With MC, knit

Round 10: With MC, p4, p2tog, repeat 4 more times (25 sts rem)

Round 11: With CC,

Round 12: With CC, p3, p2tog, repeat 4 more times (20 sts rem)

Round 13: With MC, knit

Round 14: With MC, p2, p2tog, repeat 4 more times (15 sts rem)

Round 15: With CC,

Round 16: With CC, p1, p2tog, repeat 4 more times (10 sts rem)

Finishing

Cut yarn leaving about a 6 inch tail. Using a tapestry needle, run yarn end through remaining stitches twice and pull up snug.

Weave in yarn ends.

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