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Level of difficulty: Easy.



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Size: Approx. 30x65 cm / 11.75x19.75".

Yarn: Lankava Essi Tube Yarn (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, 500 g = approx. 240 m / 262 yds) 350 g natural white (2), 90 g dark rose (13) and 60 g light brown (4).

Needles: 6 mm / US 10 circular needle, 60 cm or 100 cm / 24" or 40", or size to obtain gauge.

Notions: Stitch marker.

Gauge: 12.5 sts and 20 rnds = 10 cm / 4". Check your gauge and change the needle size if necessary.

Stockinette Stitch: Working in the round, knit all rnds. Working flat, knit on the right side and purl on the wrong side.

Garter Stitch: Working in the round, alternate between knitting 1 rnd and purling 1 rnd. Working flat, always slip the first stitch and then knit to the end.



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Abbreviations:

BO = bind off

BOR = beginning of round

CO = cast on

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 sts together

p = purl

PM = place marker

pw = purlwise

rnd = round

RS = right side

skpo = slip 1, knit 1, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch

sl = slip

st(s) = stitch(es)

St St = Stockinette Stitch

WS = wrong side

INSTRUCTIONS:

BAG:

Using natural white yarn and 60 cm / 24" circular needle, CO 80 sts using the Backwards-Loop Cast-On. Optionally, you can use a 100 cm / 40" circular needle if using *Judy's Magic Cast-On technique* for the cast-on. Join to work in the round, PM for BOR and move the marker as the work progresses.

Work in St St and at the same time, work stripes as follows: 10 rnds in natural white, *5 rnds in dark rose, 5 rnds in natural white, 5 rnds in light brown, 5 rnds in natural white*, repeat *-* once more and end with 5 rnds in dark rose = 10 stripes.

Tip: If you want to have the beginning of the round be as unnoticeable as possible, work the first stitch of the 2nd round of all stripes into the stitch one round below. Cut all striping colors and work 5 rnds more in St St with natural white yarn. Next, start working the top of the bag.

Rnd 1: K15, p10, k30, p10, k15.

Rnd 2: K to end.

Rnds 3-4: As Rnds 1-2.

Rnd 5: K15, *p3, BO 4 sts pw, p3*, k30, repeat *-* once, k15. Then, k15 and turn work.

HANDLES:

Leave 36 sts on hold for the second handle and work the first handle flat in rows.

Row 1 (WS): Sl1 pw, k2, p30, k3, turn work = 36 sts.

Row 2 (RS): Sl1, k2, skpo, k26, k2tog, k3, turn work = 34 sts.

Row 3: Sl1, k2, p22, k3, turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, k2, skpo, k14, k2tog, k3, turn work = 32 sts.

Row 5: Sl1, k2, p20, k3, turn work.

Continue working the 3 sts at each edge in Garter St, all sts between these sts St St and also repeat the established decreases on every other rnd on the RS until you have 8 handle sts left and you have last worked a WS row.

Row 30: Sl1, k1, skpo, k2tog, k2, turn work. = 6 sts. Then, continue working flat in St St until the handle is approx. 32 cm / 12.5" or your preferred length.

End with a WS row. Leave the handle on hold and work another handle to match. Cut yarn, leaving a yarn tail of approx. 30 cm / 11.75".

FINISHING:

Graft the handle ends together using Kitchener Stitch. Then, turn the bag inside out and sew the opposite cast-on edges together. Weave in the yarn ends. Lightly steam block from the WS.