

SD RIBBED BAG OF MANY THINGS SD

INTRODUCTION:

The Ribbed Bag of Many Things came about as something I made up for my roommate to put her headphones and mp3 player in, but it could be used to hold just about anything!. It's a bag knit in the round using 1 by 1 ribbing, then seamed at the bottom with whip stitch, or mattress stitch if you prefer. Eyelets at the top allow for a twisted cord or optional I-chord drawstring.

The sample shown was made in a now discontinued sport-weight acrylic yarn, but the pattern is highly adaptable to almost any yarn weight. It's best to use a yarn blend without a lot of drape so the bag is less likely to stretch out of shape. Note that gauge is not specifically important to this pattern, though changes in gauge will affect the amount of yarn used and the size of the final project.

TECHNIQUES USED:

decreases: k2tog

increases: yarn over

stretchy bind off using k2togtbl

working small circumferences in the round

seaming (whip stitch)

creating a twisted cord

MATERIALS:

Yarn

Red Heart Sport Solid (100% Acrylic; 165 yds per 70 g skein/ball); 1 skein.

Sample knit in "Paddy Green"

Needles

3.75 mm/US 5 needles for working in the round on a small circumference:

4 or 5 DPNs; 1 24 inch (60 cm) circular for magic loop; or two 24 or 16 inch (60 or 41 cm) circulars for working with two circular needles. (Adjust needle size as required to match gauge)

Notions

tapestry needle

stitch marker

GAUGE:

20 sts and 30 rows = 4 inches (10.1 cm) square in k1 p1 ribbing using 3.75mm/US 5 needles

18 sts and 30 rows = 4 inches (10.1 cm) square in stocking stitch using 3.75mm/US 5 needles

Finished Measurements:

13 inch (33 cm) circumference, 8 inches (20 cm) from bottom seam to top edge.



GLOSSARY:

k: knit

p: purl

k2tog: knit two stitches together

k2togtbl: knit two stitches together through the back loops

yo: yarn over: bring yarn forward and around the needle.

GENERAL NOTES:

This bag is knit in the round and then the bottom seam is seamed shut. Yarn Over stitches create eyelets near the top to allow for a twisted cord to be threaded through.

Adjusting Sizes:

This bag is eminently customizable. If you wish a bag with a larger circumference, simply cast on more stitches (stitches should be in multiples of 8 +4 so that the cord ends up with both ends on the outside of the bag). If you wish a deeper bag, work more rounds until the eyelet round. You may also add additional rounds after the eyelet row.

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Notes on Pattern Construction:

When finishing the eyelet row, the marker for beginning/end of round should remain before the completed k2tog. This ensures that the ribbing will continue to line up. If you wish, you may mattress stitch the bottom seam rather than whip stitching it.

TECHNIQUES:

Whip Stitch:

Whip stitch is used to seam the bottom edge of the bag. A tutorial on whip stitch can be found here: <http://crochet.about.com/od/Sewing-Techniques/tp/whip-stitch.htm>.

Twisted Cord:

Twisted cord is used to create a drawstring. Optionally, you could create the twisted cord in a contrast colour. A tutorial on how to create a twisted cord can be found here: <http://knitting.about.com/od/finishingtouches/ss/twisted-cord.htm#step1>.



INSTRUCTIONS:

Cast On:

Using 3.75 mm needles, cast on 56 sts. Join to work in round (do not twist!) and place marker for beginning/end of round.

Bag Body:

Round 1: *k1, p1, repeat from * to end of round.
Repeat round 1 until bag measures 7.5 inches (19 cm).

Eyelet Rounds:

Round 1: *(k1, p1) twice, YO, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 2: k1, *p1, k1, p1, k2tog, repeat from * to last 4 sts, p1, k1, p1, k2tog last st of round with first st of next round.

Bag Top Edge:

Round 1: Slip last k2tog to left hand needle, continue in pattern: p1, *k1, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 2: *k1, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 3: Repeat Round 2.

Bind Off:

(k2togtbl, slip stitch from right to left needle), repeat until 1 stitch remains. Cut yarn and pull through remaining stitch.

FINISHING:

Weave in ends.

Whip stitch (or optionally, mattress stitch) bottom seam shut. See linked tutorial for whip stitch instructions.

Create a twisted cord or optional I-chord. See linked tutorial for twisted cord instructions. Sample used two 60 inch strands of yarn to create a twisted cord. Twisted cord or I-chord should measure approximately 30 inches.

Feed twisted cord through eyelets.

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