

Farmer's Market/Produce Bag

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Farmer's market trips are even more fun with a brightly colored bag on your arm.

Approximately the same size as a standard plastic grocery bag, but holds more weight, and stretches to accommodate the odd shapes of produce items. Made of inexpensive cotton yarn, these bags are machine wash/dry, in keeping with your eco-friendly, ethical lifestyle.



Supplies

Size 8 circular needle between 29"-32" long

(2) Balls inexpensive cotton yarn, such as Lily Sugar 'n Cream, approx. 5 oz. /240-250 yards

Gauge

Not critically important, since this is not a garment. Approx. 4 stitches x 5 ½ rnds per inch in stockinette

Instructions

Cast on –

Holding both points of the circular needle in your non-dominant hand, cast on 8 stitches, using a figure 8 cast on (4 stitches on each point). Set up by knitting rnd, and place marker. Using magic loop method, begin the base of the bag as follows:

Base of the bag -

Rnd 1) *yo, k1; repeat from * to end of rnd. Slip marker.

Rnd 2) knit; total of 16 stitches. Slip marker.

Rnd 3) *yo, k2; repeat from * to end of rnd. Slip marker.

Rnd 4) knit; total of 24 stitches. Slip marker.

Rnd 5) *yo, k3; repeat from * to end of rnd. Slip marker.

Rnd 6) knit; total of 32 stitches. Slip marker.

Rnd 7) *yo, k4; repeat from * to end of rnd. Slip marker.

Rnd 8) knit; total of 40 stitches. Slip marker.

Rnd 9) *yo, k5; repeat from * to end of rnd. Slip marker.

Rnd 10) knit; total of 48 stitches. Slip marker.

Rnd 11) *yo, k6; repeat from * to end of rnd. Slip marker.

Rnd 12) knit; total of 56 stitches. Slip marker.

Rnd 13) *yo, k7; repeat from * to end of rnd. Slip marker.

Rnd 14) knit; total of 64 stitches. Slip marker.

Rnd 15) *yo, k8; repeat from * to end of rnd. Slip marker.

Rnd 16) knit; total of 72 stitches. Slip marker.

Rnd 17) *yo, knit 9; repeat from * to end of rnd. Slip marker.

Rnd 18) knit; total of 80 stitches. Slip marker.

Rnd 19) *yo, knit 10; repeat from * to end of rnd. Slip marker.

Rnd 20) knit; total of 88 stitches. Slip marker.

Rnd 21) * yo, knit 11; repeat from * to end of rnd. Slip marker.

Rnd 22) knit; total of 96 stitches. Slip marker.

Spread stitches across the length of the needle, transitioning from magic loop to circular knitting as you are able. Begin the body of the bag as follows:

Rnd 23) *k2tog, yo; repeat from * to end of rnd. Slip marker.

Rnd 24) knit. Slip marker

Rnd 25) *yo, s1, k1, pss0; repeat from * to end of rnd. Slip marker.

Rnd 26) knit. Slip marker.

Repeat rnds 23-26 until the bag is 10 ½” – 11” from the base; approx. 14-15 pattern repeats.



Top of bag –

Garter stitch for 6 rnds. (In circular knitting, garter stitch is k 1rnd, p 1rnd.)

Handles –

First rnd) *cast off 24 stitches, k24; repeat once more. My preferred cast off method is: k2, slip both stitches back to left hand needle and k them tog tbl, *k1, slip both stitches back to left hand needle and k them tog tbl, repeat from *to end of round. (This appears in keeping with the knit row.)

Next rnd) *cast on 24 stitches, p24; repeat once more. My preferred cast on method is: turn work to wrong side, knit on 24 stitches; turn work to right side and continue. (This appears as a p stitch on the right side of the work, in keeping with the p row.)

Garter stitch for 6 rnds. Cast off all stitches using method detailed above. Weave in ends.