



West Side Market Bag

Materials:

Approx 315 - 350 yards of worsted weight cotton yarn

Needles:

Size 7 Double Pointed Needles

Size 7 16" circulars

Size 9 16" or 24" circulars

Size 10 1/2 16" or 24" circulars

A note on the multiple needle sizes: I wanted the bottom of the bag in a tighter knit so it would hold up to heavy market items. The body is on size 9 needles, allowing for some stretch. The linen stitch at the top of the bag creates a tight woven "fabric." It's possible to do the top of the bag in size 9. It will not have as large an opening.

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KEY:

k: Knit
p: Purl
kfb: Knit into front and back of stitch
k2tog: knit 2 stitches together
yo: yarn over
yf: Bring yarn forward
yb: Bring yarn back
sl: slip stitch as if to purl
bo: bind off

Directions:**Bottom:**

- with smaller double pointed needles, Cast on 4 stitches, divide stitches over 4 needles, join being careful not to twist
- Row 1: kfb into every stitch (8 stitches)
- Row 2: k
- Row 3: repeat row 1 (16 stitches total)
- Row 4: k
- Row 5: (kfb, k until last stitch on needle, kfb) over each of the 4 needles

Repeat rows 4 & 5 until you have 30 stitches on each needle (120 stitches total)

Knit 4 rows

Switch to size 9, knit 4 rows

Body:

- Row 1: (k2tog, yo) throughout round
- Row 2: k

Repeat until body measures 10"

- Next row: k2tog, k the remaining stitches (119 stitches total)

Switch to size 10 1/2 , in linen stitch, work 1 1/2 inches

Linen Stitch in Body (in the round): Worked on an odd number of stitches

- Row 1: (k1, yf, sl, yb) throughout round, ending with k1
- Row 2: (yf, sl, yb, k1) throughout round, ending with slip stitch with sl, yb

Bind off, leaving 4 sections of 8 live stitches (evenly spaced):
-(k8, bo 22) 4 times, ending with bo 21

Linen Stitch Strap:

Working with one set of 8 stitches, work Linen Stitch strap

Linen Stitch Strap (NOT in round): Worked on an even number of stitches

Row 1: (k1, yf, sl, yb) throughout round

Row 2: (p1, yb, sl, yf) throughout round

Work linen stitch strap to desired length, then attach to second set of 8 stitches using Kitchener stitch.

Repeat for 2nd strap.

Weave in ends.