

The Beagle Bag

This cute little bag will catch lots of attention with the snappy design and fun colors. Easy to knit in 3 colors and 3 pieces, 2 front/back pieces and one side/bottom piece.



Loom: Small gauge Knitting Board with 32+ stitches (18" or larger)

Yarn: Lion Brand Vanna's Choice, 100% acrylic, hand wash. Gold=1 skein, Dark Blue=1 skein, and Light Blue=1/2 skein.

Notions: Knit hook, crochet hook, large darning needle, decorative handle

Gauge: 7 sts=2" 8 rows=2"

Stitch: Stockinette Stitch.

Size: 8.5" wide X 7" tall X 2" deep. The handle is made of wood beads and heavy twine and can be purchased at your favorite craft store.

Instructions

FRONT AND BACK OF BAG Knit 2.

Cast On 32 stitches in Stockinette Stitch using anchor yarn. Do this with gold yarn.

Weave pattern

Work in Stockinette for 2 rows.

Tie on lt blue at 3rd stitch.

1. Weave the blue on needles 3,4, 5,6 front to back so that all 4 needles have a second weave. Skip 2 needles on both boards and drag the yarn over to next needles. Weave the lt blue on the next 4 needles, front to back. Skip the next 2 needles. Continue this weave pattern across the board until you get to the end and have the last 2 needles remaining. Lay the lt blue aside, ready to use on the next row working from right end. Pick up the gold yarn and weave in stockinette stitch across the board skipping the needles covered with the lt blue yarn. At end of row, return to complete the circular. Hook over.



2. Next row of pattern

This will incorporate the dark blue as well as the lt blue.

Tie on dk blue at 4th needle at left end of board.

Weave 2 stitches front to back on needles 4 and 5. This will be done to each of the 2 center needles in the lt blue sections. Work across the board weaving the 2 center stitches in the lt blue sections. When you get to the end of board lay the dk blue yarn down.

Pick up the lt blue, and weave the 1st and 4th stitch within the lt blue section. This will be 1 stitch on R and L sides of the dk blue stitches. When you get to end of row, lay the yarn down.

Pick up the gold yarn.

Weave in Stockinette stitch on all needles skipping those covered with lt blue and dk blue yarns.

3. Repeat another row just like the last one with all yarns.

4. Weave the row as you did in step 1 using just the lt blue and the gold.

You have completed one section of the weave pattern.

Work 2 rows with gold yarn in Stockinette stitch.

Repeat the 4 rows as above working with the 2 blue yarns and the gold as main color.

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Repeat these 6 rows again for an additional 2 times so that you have 4 complete square designs. Cut and knot the 2 blue yarns once you have finished the last row.

Finish the piece with 2 final rows of gold yarn.

Bind Off loosely by pulling one loop thru one loop and knot. Bind off at the anchor yarn.

Repeat this piece for the back of the bag.

SIDES AND BOTTOM OF BAG Knit 1.

Cast On 6 stitches with double strand of dk blue yarn in Stockinette Stitch.

You are using a double strand to add reinforcement to sides and bottom.

Work in Stockinette for 86 rows. Bind Off of anchor yarn and knitting board.

Finishing and Sewing

Sew with invisible stitch when attaching the side piece to front and back of bag.

Tack the corners of bag front to the side/bottom piece so the 2 pieces match. Do this at top edge of each side and bottom corners. Now, sew the pieces together.

Add the bag back and tack in place so that all the corners are aligned properly. Sew in place.

The handle

Our little bag has a wood beaded handle that is sewn to each corner of the bag. If you choose not to purchase a handle, you can knit up a handle to match the bag.

Cast On 10 stitches. Work in Stockinette for 12" or as long as desired in the dark blue yarn.

Bind off both ends.

Roll the handle lengthwise and stitch.

Sew each end to top of bag at sides.

Option

When knitting the side/bottom, continue for another 12" and the handle will be one continuous piece around the bag. Join the ends at bottom of bag and sew in place as above.

