

Goncho Stripe Bag

Super Size---Holds it All!

This is such a fun bag, 17" tall with square bottom. Bold stripes in great colors of purple, lilac, and grey. Knit in stockinette stitch throughout. Bag has wide strap with button accents and is fully lined.



Loom: Knitting Board with 80+ needles (28" knitting board)

Gauge: 3 sts=1" 3.5 rows=1"

Yarn: Brown Sheep Super Wash with mohair
300 yds of main color, 100 yds of each accent color.

Notions: Knit hook for lifting loops, Crochet hook for finishing, Large sewing needle for seams, Fabric for lining= $\frac{3}{4}$ yd (optional), (2) 1" buttons.

Instructions

Bag Bottom

Cast On (12) stitches. Lay anchor yarn.
Knit (14) rows in Stockinette.
Bind Off at knitting board.
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(If using a 18" knitting board, cast on 44 stitches and knit 2 pieces)

Bag Front and Back

Cast On 82 sts in color #1, purple.
Knit in Stockinette Stitch for (12) rows. Cut yarn.

Tie on color (2), lilac. Lay tail ends on top of stitches.



Knit (10) rows in Stockinette. Cut Yarn with 3-4" tail.
Tie on color #3, lite grey. Lay tail ends on top of stitches.
Knit (4) rows. Cut grey yarn.

Tie in purple, knit (8) rows. Cut yarn.
Tie in lilac, knit (4) rows.
Tie in grey, knit (8) rows.
Tie in purple, knit (4) rows.
Tie in lilac, knit (4) rows.
Tie in grey, knit (8) rows.
Tie in purple, knit (8) rows.

Bind Off:

You are now ready to remove the piece from the knitting board. With crochet hook, you are ready to bind off. Starting at opposite end of board from yarn, lift first (3) loops off needles and onto crochet hook. This is front and back of first st and front of second st. Pull (1) loop (closest to hook) thru (2). Pick up next (2) loops. Pull (1) thru (2). Continue across board until you have one loop left on crochet hook. Pull tail end of yarn thru loop and secure with knot. Pull tail end into knitting. Go back to cast on sts and crochet the sts off of anchor yarn just as you did for your stitches on the knitting board. Gently remove anchor yarn from knitting.

Strap

Cast on (10) sts in color (1), purple.
Knit 88 rows or amount to = desired length.
Finish off both ends of strap.

LINING is optional for this bag.

Our bag was lined in cotton flannel. You may line in pretty floral pattern or any material of choice.

If using a decorative lining, you may want to use same material to back the strap. This looks really nice. Also, upholstery fabric works well.

Material is 36" wide. Yardage needed= $\frac{3}{4}$ yd. This will line the strap also.

Cut one piece to match the bag piece. Cut one square to match the bag bottom

Sew side edges of lining together. Sew in bottom of bag lining.

Bag

Sew side seams matching the stripes.
Sew in bag bottom, easing the corners into a round shape.

Finish Strap

Sew lining to strap by turning in hem of lining and stitching to edge of strap. Do not cover first 4" of strap or last 4". These ends will lay to outside of bag, secured by decorative buttons.

Turn strap to back side, and sew securely to top edge of bag at sides. Be sure to take stitches thru the lining as well as the knit for durability. Lay end of strap on top of bag, Sew on Buttons.

