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Basketry Handbag

Designed by Universal Yarn Design Team

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width: 15"

Height: 10" (not including handles)

MATERIALS

Universal Yarn Yashi (100% raffia; 40g/99 yds)

- 103 Natural – 6 balls

Needles: US Size 10 ½ (6.5 mm) 24" circular

US Size 13 (9 mm) 24" circular

Notions: Tapestry needle, pair of wooden handles 8" diameter, US Size H-8 (5 mm) crochet hook, ½ yd of lining fabric (optional), ½ yd fusible heavy duty stabilizer (optional), sewing needle and thread (optional)

GAUGE

15 sts x 28 rows = 4" in linen stitch patt using smaller ndls.

16 sts x 12 rows = 4" in basketweave patt using larger ndls

Save time, check your gauge.

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PATTERN NOTES

Be sure to keep yarn very loose on needle when working the Basketweave pattern. This is essential due to the inelasticity of the yarn.

Hold yarn double throughout entire project.

An optional stabilized lining can provide additional structure for the bag.

STITCH GUIDE

Linen Stitch

(even number of sts)

Row 1 (RS): * K1, sl 1 pwise wyif; rep from * to end.

Row 2 (WS): * P1, sl 1 pwise wyib; rep from * to end.

Rep Rows 1 & 2 for patt.

Basketweave, worked in the rnd

(any number of sts)

Rnd 1: * K2tog tbl and slip only the first st off the LH ndl; rep from * to last st, sl 1, remove marker, slip the st back, k2tog and slip only the first st off the LH ndl, replace beg of rnd marker.

Rnd 2: * K2tog and slip only the first st off the LH ndl; rep from * to last st, sl 1, remove marker, slip the st back, k2tog and slip only the first st off the LH ndl, replace beg of rnd marker.

Rep Rnds 1 & 2 for patt.

Basketweave, worked in rows

(any number of sts)

Row 1 (RS): * K2tog tbl and slip only the first st off the LH ndl; rep from * to last st, k1.

Rnd 2: * P2tog and slip only the first st off the LH ndl; rep from * to last st, p1.

Rep Rnds 1 & 2 for patt.

BASE

With smaller ndls and yarn held double, cast on 10 sts. Purl a WS row.

Increase Section

Row 1 (RS): Kfb, work in Linen Stitch patt to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 – 12 sts.

Row 2 (WS): Pfb, work in Linen Stitch patt to last 2 sts, pfb, p1 – 14 sts.

Row 3: Rep Row 1 – 16 sts.

Row 4: Work in Linen Stitch patt to end.

Rows 5-12: Rep Rows 3 & 4 – 24 sts.

Work even in Linen Stitch patt until piece measures 8" from cast-on edge, ending with WS row.

Decrease Section

Row 1 (RS): K1, k2tog, work in patt to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 22 sts rem.

Row 2 (WS): Work in patt to end.

Rows 3-9: Rep Rows 1 & 2 – 14 sts rem.

Row 10: P1, p2tog, work in patt to last 3 sts, p2tog, p1 – 12 sts rem.

Row 11: Rep Row 1. Bind off rem 10 sts leaving last st on ndl. Turn so RS is facing.

Bag Body

With RS facing, and yarn held double, pick up and knit 12 sts along shaped edge of Base, 34 sts along straight edge, 12 sts along shaped edge, 10 sts along cast-on edge, 12 sts along shaped edge, 34 sts along straight edge, and 12 sts along shaped edge – 110 sts. PM and join to work in the round. Working onto larger ndl, knit 1 rnd.

Rep Rnds 1 & 2 of Basketweave patt until Sides meas 8" from CO edge, endign with row 2 of patt. Break yarn.

Shape Sides

Switch to working in Basketweave patt in rows now.

Next row (WS): Sl 33, bind off 8 sts (this should be at the center of one long side), work in patt over 47 sts turn. Place rem 55 sts on holder.

Working in patt, bind off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Bind off rem sts.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Steam block bag.

Attach Handles

Using crochet hook, working around one handle, beg at side of bag indicated in diagram, with yarn held double, * work 32 sc evenly around handle while working through shaped side of bag at the same time, sc around edge of bag; rep from * 1 more time. Fasten off.

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Lining

(optional)

Using the knit bag as a guide, cut out a Base piece from both stabilizer and lining fabric, adding ½" seam allowance to lining fabric. Cut out a Bag Body piece from both stabilizer and lining fabric, adding ½" seam allowance to lining fabric. Fuse stabilizer to WS of lining fabric on both Base and Body pieces. With RS together, sew the short ends of Body piece together. With RS together, sew one long opening of Body piece to Base.

Place Lining inside knit bag with RS facing out. Fold under top hem of Lining, hand sew to inside top edge of bag using a whipstitch.



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