



 KNIT | SKILL LEVEL: EASY

## ABBREVIATIONS

**Approx** = Approximately

**Beg** = Begin(ning)

**Cont** = Continue(ity)

**K** = Knit

**K2tog** = Knit next 2 stitches together

**P** = Purl

**Pat** = Pattern

**Rep** = Repeat

**Rnd(s)** = Round(s)

**RS** = Right side

**Sl st** = Slip stitch

**St(s)** = Stitch(es)

**Sp(s)** = Space(s)

**Tog** = Together

**WS** = Wrong side

**Yo** = Yarn over

## MEASUREMENTS

Approx 19" [48.5 cm] wide x 13" [33 cm] long, excluding handles and noting bag fabric will stretch.

## GAUGE

16 sts and 32 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Body Pat.

## INSTRUCTIONS

With MC, cast on 80 sts. **Do not** join. Working back and forth across needle in rows, proceed as follows:

**Body: 1st to 3rd rows:** Knit.

**4th row:** (WS). K2. \*K2tog. yo. Rep from \* to last 2 sts. K2.

**5th row:** (RS). Knit.

**6th row:** K2. \*yo. K2tog. Rep from \* to last 2 sts. K2.

**7th row:** Knit.

Rep last 4 rows until work from beg measures approx 22" [56 cm], ending on a 6th row.

**Next 3 rows:** Knit.

Cast off. Fold Body in half, aligning cast-on and cast-off edge. Sew 2 side seams.

**Upper Edging and Straps:** (RS).

With A, beg at side seam, pick up and knit 156 sts evenly around opening. Join in rnd, placing marker on first st.

**1st rnd:** \*K1. P1. Rep from \* around.

**2nd rnd:** \*P1. K1. Rep from \* around. Rep last 2 rnds for Seed St Pat until Edging measures 1" [2.5 cm].

## MATERIALS

Patons® Hempster™ (3.5 oz/100 g; 190 yds/174 m)

**Main Color (MC)** White Sand (11013) **2 balls**

**Contrast A** Lipstick (11023) **2 balls**

Size U.S. 6 (4 mm) circular knitting needle 29" [73.5 cm] long **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Stitch marker.

**Make Straps: Next rnd:** (K1. P1) 14 times. Cast off 22 sts in pat. (K1. P1) 28 times. Cast off 22 sts in pat. (K1. P1) 14 times.

**Next rnd:** (P1. K1) 14 times. Cast on 88 sts (strap). (P1. K1) 28 times. Cast on 88 sts (strap). (P1. K1) 14 times. 288 sts.

Cont in pat until Edging measures 1" [2.5 cm] from beg. Cast off in pat.

