## Yarnspirations"

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EASY

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What you will need:
RED HEART ${ }^{\ominus}$ Soft ${ }^{\oplus}$ : 1 ball each of 9114 Honey A, 4422 Tangerine B, 9344 Chocolate C, 9522 Leaf D, 4608 Wine E, and 1882 Toast F

Susan Bates ${ }^{\circledR}$ Knitting Needles: 5 mm [US 8]

Wooden purse handles, yarn needle

GAUGE: 19 sts $=4 "(10 \mathrm{~cm}), 22$ rows $=4^{\prime \prime}(10 \mathrm{~cm})$ in fair isle pattern. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.


## Color Knit Bag

Want a bag that reflects the knitterly color lover in you? This knit bag is perfect for toting your latest project or as your everyday bag. Choose 5 colors that make you feel good, and knit away!

Finished Size: $111 / 4$ " wide x $11 \frac{1}{4}$ " long (28.6 x 28.6 cm), excluding handles.

## Notes:

1. Bag is worked in Stockinette stitch (knit one row, purl one row).
2. Bag is worked in one piece where cast on edge is the top of the Bag.
3. When working color design from chart and working with more than one color on a row, carry color not in use loosely across wrong side of work, picking up next color to be used under color just used to prevent holes.
4. When reading chart, read odd numbered rows (right side or knit rows), from right to left and even numbered rows (wrong side or purl rows) from left to right.

## BAG

With A, cast on 109 sts.
Working in stockinette stitch (knit the odd numbered rows and purl the even numbered rows) following the Color Chart. Repeat Rows 1-36 of Color Chart until piece measures approximately $121 / 2$ " ( 30.5 cm ) from cast on edge, ending by working a purl or wrong side row.
Bind off all sts in knit, leaving a long end for sewing.

## HANDLE STRAPS (Make 2)

With B, cast on 7 sts.
Row 1 (Right side): Slip 1, knit across.
Row 2: Slip 1, purl across.
Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for pattern until piece measures $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}(11.4 \mathrm{~cm})$ from cast on edge. Bind off all sts in pattern, leaving a long end for sewing.

## FINISHING

Thread yarn needle with the long end. Using photo as a guide, fold Bag in half with right sides together. Matching stitches and rows, sew seam.

With Bag flat on a hard surface, measure for Handle Strap placement. Thread yarn needle with the long end. With wrong sides of both the Bag and Handle Strap facing you, sew each Handle strap to Row 2 of Bag. Thread Handle Straps through wooden purse handle, fold Handle Strap, with wrong sides together and matching cast on edge with bind off edge, sew securely. Repeat for opposite side of Bag.

See next page for Color Chart.

## ABBREVIATIONS

$\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{C}$, etc $=$ Colors $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{C}$, etc; $\mathrm{K}=$ knit; $\mathrm{mm}=$ millimeter; $\mathrm{P}=$ purl; $\mathrm{st}(\mathrm{s})=\operatorname{stitch}(\mathrm{es})$.

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