

Bunny Gift Bag

Level: Intermediate

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Circumference: 28"

Length: 19"

MATERIALS

Premier® Yarns Anti-Pilling™ Everyday® Bulky (100% Anti-pilling Acrylic; 3.5oz/100g, 87yds/80m)

- 1068-01 Snow 3 balls (A)
- 1068-11 Lavender 1 ball (B)
- 1068-17 Pink 1 ball (C)
- 1068-15 Aqua 1 ball (D)

Needle: US Size 11 (8 mm) 24" circular needle and set of double point needles *or size needed to obtain gauge*

Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch markers, 2-1" safety eyes or buttons

GAUGE

11 sts x 17 rows = 4" in St st Save time, check your gauge.

STITCH GUIDE

St st in the rnd (Stockinette stitch): knit every rnd.

St st flat: knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows.

Garter st: Knit every row.

I-Cord: *Slide sts to opposite end of dpn. Bring the yarn across the WS to the beginning of the row. Knit 3 sts, place needle in left hand; rep from * until I-cord is desired length.

MB (Make Bobble): Knit front, back, front, back, front in the next st, turn; p5, turn; k5, turn; p5, turn; k5tog – 1 st remains.

PATTERN NOTES

The bottom of the Bag is worked flat, then stitches are picked up from the base and worked in the round.

For jogless stripes, work one round of the new color. Work the first stitch of the second round by lifting the stitch directly below the first stitch on your needle onto the left-hand needle and knitting the two stitches together.

BAG

Bag Bottom

With A and dpns, cast on 10 sts. Work in **Garter st** until piece measures 12".

Do not turn on last row.

Bag Body

Continuing with A, turn piece at a 90 degree angle and with circular needle, pick up and knit 29 sts (approximately one st for every 2 rows) along long edge, pick up and knit 10 sts (one st for each cast-on st), pick up and knit 29 sts along second long edge; pm and join to work in the rnd being careful not to twist – 78 sts.

Work **St st in the rnd** for 1".

Sweater

Switch to B and knit 1 rnd. Purl 1 rnd.
Continue working **St st in the rnd** using the following Stripe Sequence:
2 rnds B; 1 rnd A; 3 rnds C; 1 rnd A, 3 rnds D;
1 rnd A; 3 rnds B, 1 rnd A; 3 rnds B
Purl 1 rnd with B.

Head

Switch to A and work in St st in the rnd for 3".

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Nose

Continuing with A, knit 14 sts, drop A; with C, MB. Cut B.

With A, work even for 3½".

Next Rnd: *K2tog, yo; rep from * around.

Work even in **St st in the rnd** for 2".

Purl 1 rnd.

Knit 1 rnd.

Purl 1 rnd.

Bind off.

FINISHING

Ears

Back Panel (Make 2)

With A, cast on 6 sts.

Inc Row (RS): K1, m1, knit to last st, m1, k1

2 sts inc'd.

Next Row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows, two more times – 12 sts. Work in **St st flat** until piece measures 9".

Bind off.

Front Panel (Make 2)

With C, cast on 4 sts.

Inc Row (RS): K1, m1, knit to last st, m1, k1

- 2 sts inc'd.

Next Row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows, two more times – 10 sts.

Work in **St st flat** until piece measures 9".

Bind off.

With WS of Front and Back Panel held together, using mattress stitch, sew around all edges of ears. Rep for second ear. Sew ears to inside of bag top on each side of head.

Drawstring

With A and double point needles, cast on 3 sts, work **I-cord** for 36". Bind off. Weave drawstring through yarnovers at top of bag.

Mouth

With C and using photo as a guide for placement, thread tapestry needle and duplicate stitch mouth underneath nose.

Attach safety eyes or buttons.

Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

dpn(s) double point needle(s)

k knit

kfb knit into the front and back of the next st

(1 st inc'd)

k2tog knit 2 sts together (1 st dec'd) **k3tog** knit 3 sts together (2 sts dec'd)

k5tog knit 5 sts together (4 sts dec'd)

m1 insert left needle from front to back under horizontal strand of yarn lying between st just worked and next st, knit or purl this st through the back loop (1 st inc'd)

p purl

yo

rep repeat(ing)
rnd(s) round(s)
RS right side
st(s) stitch(es)
WS wrong side

yarn over



