FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Circumference at widest point: 33"
Length excluding handles: 14"

MATERIALS
Premier® Yarns *Premier Home® Cotton XL*
(85% Cotton, 15% Polyester; 10.5oz/300g,
82yds/75m)
• MC - #1098-07 Black Marl – 3 balls
• CC - #1097-02 Black – 1 ball
Needle: US Size 17 (12 mm) 24" circular needle
and US Size 17 (12 mm) double point needles
or size needed to obtain gauge
Notions: Tapestry needle, removable stitch
markers in two colors; 4 in Color A and 4 in
Color B, smooth yarn in lighter weight (like
Premier Home Cotton #38-16 Black) for
seaming; large stitch holder or waste yarn

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

STITCH GUIDE
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.

PATTERN NOTES
Bag is worked from the top down. The front
and back panels are worked separately then
joined in the round for the remainder of
the body of the bag. Two different colors of
stitch markers are placed for shaping. Color A
markers are placed when working Front and
Back panels to mark placement of increases.
Color B markers are placed after bag is joined
in the rnd to mark placement of decreases.

BAG
Front Panel
With MC, cast on 14 sts.
Row 1 (RS): Knit.
Row 2 (WS): Purl.
Row 3: Knit
Row 4 (Turning Ridge): Knit.
Row 5 (Set-up Row): [Knit 4, pm in Color A, k1,
pm in Color A] twice, k4.
Row 6: Purl.
Row 7 (Inc Row): [Knit to marker, M1R, sm, k1,
sm, M1L] twice, knit to end – 4 sts inc'd.
Row 8: Purl.
Row 9: Knit.
Row 10: Purl.
Rep last 4 rows, 3 more times – 12 sts inc'd,
30 total sts.
Place sts on holder or waste yarn keeping
markers in place.

Back Panel
Work as for Front Panel.

Miranda Tote Bag

Level: Intermediate

Bag Body

Note: Switch to dpns (or your preferred method for knitting small circumferences) when work no longer fits on circular needles.

Set-up Rnd (RS): Knit across 30 sts for Back Panel sts, pm in Color B, using backwards loop cast-on, cast on 2 sts, pm in Color B, knit across 30 held sts for Front panel, pm in Color B, cast on 2 sts, pm in Color B; join to work in the rnd being careful not to twists – 64 sts.

Rnd 1: Ssk, knit to 2 sts before Color B marker (slipping markers in Color A as you come to them), k2tog, sm, k2, sm, ssk, knit to 2 sts before Color B marker, k2tog, sm, k2– 4 sts decreased.

Rnd 2: Knit, slipping all markers as you come to them.

Rnd 3: Ssk, [knit to Color A marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L] twice, knit to 2 sts before Color B marker, k2tog, k2, slip Color B marker, ssk, [knit to Color A marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L] twice, knit to 2 sts before Color B marker, k2tog, k2 – st count does not change.

Rnd 4: Knit, slipping all markers as you come to them.

Rnds 5-8: Repeat Rnds 1-4 – 56 sts.

Rnd 9: Ssk, [knit to Color A marker, remove marker] twice, knit to 2 sts before Color B marker, k2tog, k2, slip Color B marker, ssk, [knit to Color A marker, remove marker] twice, knit to 2 sts before Color B marker, k2tog, k2 – 52 sts.

Rnd 10: Knit.

Rnd 11: Ssk, knit to 2 sts before Color B marker, k2tog, k2, slip Color B marker, ssk, knit to 2 sts before Color B marker, k2tog, k2 – 4 sts decreased.

Rnd 12: Knit.

Repeat last two rounds 7 more times – 28 sts dec'd, 20 sts rem.

Bind off.

FINISHING

Turn bag inside out. With right sides held together, using smooth yarn in coordinating color, sew bag bottom closed.

Straps (make 2)

With CC, cast on 3 sts. Work I-cord for 36". Bind off. Sew short ends together to form ring.

Place strap at top edge of bag front panel. Fold hem over at turning ridge. Using smooth yarn in coordinating color. Sew cast on edge of panel to inside of bag, enclosing bag handle in hem. Repeat for second side.

Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

CC	contrasting color
dpn(s)	double point needle(s)
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)
M1R	make 1 stitch, right leaning
M1L	make 1 stitch, left leaning
MC	main color
pm	place marker
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat(ing)
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
ssk	slip slip knit (1 st dec'd)
st(s)	stitch(es)
sm	slip marker
WS	wrong side