

# BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK

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## KNIT: INTERMEDIATE

The perfect backpack for back to school and more. We love the multicolored effect this yarn gives it and the tassels are the perfect final touch!

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## Materials

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3 skeins of 80-20 Silk Blend Sport Weight Yarn

## Additional Materials

\*not included



US 1 / 2.25 mm Knitting Needles (circular or straight)



Scissors



Tapestry Needle



Cable Needle

## Techniques

- Seed stitch: Knit and purl stitches that alternate horizontally and vertically.
- Stockinette stitch: Knit on the right side and purl on the wrong side of the project.
- Add a stitch at the end of a row = cast on one stitch at the end of the row. Using your left hand, create a loop by flipping your wrist counter-clockwise. Slip the needle through the loop that you just created.
- Cable 3 right: Slip 2 stitches onto your cable needle and place it behind your work, k1, and then k2 off from your cable needle
- Cable 3 left: Slip 1 stitch onto the cable and hold it in front of your work, k2, and then k1 off from your cable needle.
- Repeat instructions between [] the indicated number of times or until the end of the row.

## Meet the Designer!



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I'm Hortense, a passionate knitter, crocheter, and certified yarn addict. I create easy patterns for beginner to intermediate fellow yarn fanatics. My goal is to break down knitting and crochet patterns so they're simple enough for you to create exactly what you want, the way you want it. I'm an engineer by trade, and a crafter by passion, which means all of my patterns have an extreme attention to detail and thorough explanations.

## Finished Dimensions

**Dimensions:** Approximately 12" x 12"

**Gauge:** The gauge for this pattern, in stockinette stitch, is 20 st by 34 rows for a 10 cm by 10 cm square (4" by 4").

## Abbreviations

**K:** knit                      **P:** purl  
**ST(S):** stitch(es)      **SL:** slip  
**C3R:** cable 3 right      **C3L:** cable 3 left  
**K2TOG:** knit 2 stitches together

## Online Resources

Learn some of the stitches in this pattern step-by-step from our Stitch Challenge videos:

**Seed Stitch:** <https://www.darngood yarn.com/blogs/stitch-challenge/knit-seed-stitch>

**Stockinette Stitch:** <https://www.darngood yarn.com/blogs/stitch-challenge/knit-stockinette-stitch>

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## Pattern

On 2.25 mm / US 1 knitting needles, cast on 60st.

### Seed Top Section:

**Row 1:** [k1, p1] repeat across

**Row 2:** [p1, k1] repeat across

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 3 more times.

### Eyelet Rows:

On the next row make the eyelets: [k1, p1] twice, cast off 2 st, continue in pattern until last 6 st, cast off 2, [k1, p1] twice.

On the next row: [p1, k1] twice, cast on 2 st, continue in pattern until eyelet, cast on 2 st, [p1, k1] twice.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 4 times.

### Back Panel:

Knit in stockinette stitch (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) for 20 cm.

Add a second thread of yarn to strengthen the bottom of the bag. With double thread of yarn, continue in seed stitch (Repeat Rows 1 and 2) for 5 cm.

### Bottom of the Bag and Sides:

At the end of the last row, add 54 st.

Repeat Row 1.

At the end of the row, add 54 st. You now have 164 st.

Repeat Row 2.

Keep working in seed st for 2 cm / 0.75".

### Make eyelets:

**Eyelet Row 1:** work 4 st in pattern, cast off 2 st, continue in pattern until last 6 st, cast off 2 st, work 4 in pattern

**Eyelet Row 2:** work 4 st in pattern, cast on 2 st, continue in pattern until last 6 st, cast on 2 st, work 4 in pattern

Continue in seed stitch for 6 cm / 2.25".

Repeat the 2 eyelet rows.

Continue in seed stitch for 2 cm / 0.75".

On the next row, cast off the first 54 st, finish row in pattern. Repeat on the next row.

Continue in seed st with the remaining 60 st for 5 cm / 2".

Make sure you are on the right side of the project. Otherwise add a row in seed stitch before proceeding.



### Front panel of the Bag - Little Bird Section:

Go back to using a single thread of yarn.

**Row 1:** Knit across.

**Row 2:** Purl across.

**Row 3:** K8, [sl2 purlwise (keep yarn at the back), k12] 3 times, sl 2 purlwise, k8.

**Row 4:** P8, [sl2 knitwise (keep yarn in the front), p12] 3 times, sl 2 purlwise, p8.

**Row 5:** K6, [c3r, c3l, k8] 3 times, c3r, c3l, k6.

**Row 6:** Purl across.

**Row 7:** Knit across.

**Row 8:** Purl across.

**Row 9:** K15, [sl2 purlwise, k12] twice, sl 2, k15.

**Row 10:** P15, [sl2 knitwise, p12] twice, sl 2, p15.

**Row 11:** K13, [c3r, c3l, k8] twice, c3r, c3l, k13.

**Row 12:** Purl across.

Repeat rows 1-12 until your little bird section measures 20 cm / 7.75" (finish on a Row 8 or 2).

### Seed Top Section

Go back to the seed stitch and make a section identical to the first part:

**Row 1:** [k1, p1] repeat across

**Row 2:** [p1, k1] repeat across

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 3 more times.

### Eyelet Rows:

On the next row make the eyelets: [k1, p1] twice, cast off 2 st, continue in pattern until last 6 st, cast off 2, [k1, p1] twice.

On the next row: [p1, k1] twice, cast on 2 st, continue in pattern until eyelet, cast on 2 st, [p1, k1] twice.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 4 times.

### Blocking and Sewing

Carefully wet block your project before sewing. Be careful when soaking as the colors might bleed.



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