

Make a swatch in stocking stitch. Pin down the swatch and steam block. Let it dry completely and then measure the tension or gauge. Remember that the gauge is not an 'absolute'. Each person has a different way of knitting. The yarn will stretch or shrink depending on the season or where you live. Do not be too concerned if you are having trouble getting the gauge right. If you are having difficulty, concentrate on the 'stitch' as you can adjust the row gauge by increasing or decreasing the number of rows as you knit and measure.

Please look at your knitting. Many knitters are so engrossed with following a pattern they forget to look at the work as it progresses. Measure if you think the bag is getting too long! You will catch any mistakes sooner rather than later.

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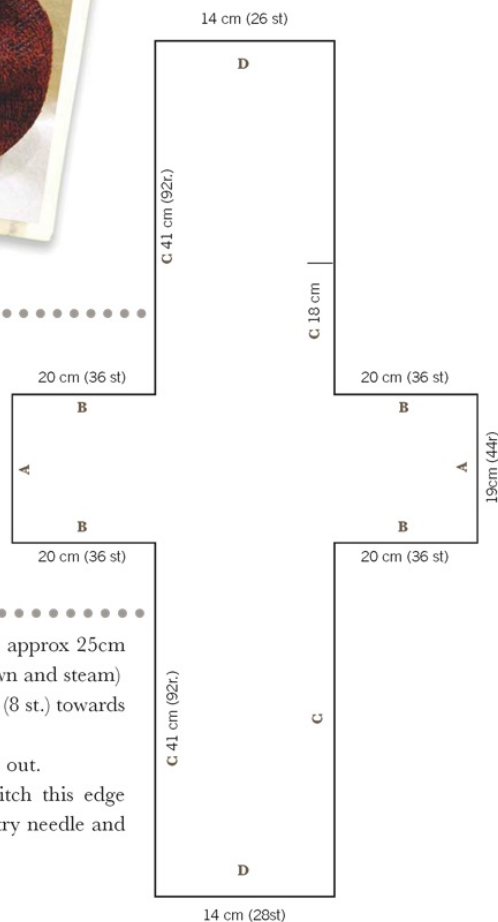


#### Directions

1. Cast on 26 st.
2. Work 92 rows in stocking stitch
3. Cast on 36 st. on both sides
4. Work 44 rows in stocking stitch
5. Cast off 36 st. on both sides
6. Work 92 rows in stocking stitch
7. Cast off 26 st.

#### Construction

1. Stretch section B so that it will be approx 25cm (you may want to pin the knitting down and steam)
2. Roll the edge of A approx 1.25cm (8 st.) towards the inside.
3. Line up the edges of B & C inside out.
4. Take a crochet hook and slip stitch this edge together. If you prefer to use a tapestry needle and do a back stitch, that's fine.
5. Twist the handles once.
6. Connect edge D together



Designed by Setsuko Torii

# Plain paper bag

## HABU KNITTED BAG PATTERN