



Blair Bag

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Introduction

The Blair Bag is inspired by my Not Your Granny's Beach Bag (crochet). It starts with a simple square and once the base is formed you start increasing and decreasing appropriately to create a chevron effect. The subtle lace details are easy to work up and give it a beautifully feminine feel. You'll love this bag for markets, yarny projects, and more!

Skill Level

Intermediate

Gauge

16 sts and 24 rows of stockinette stitch in the round is 4" x 4" (10x10cm)

Finished Measurements

13" (33cm) wide and 13.5" (35cm) from base to tallest point (laid flat and before any blocking or stretching)

Materials

105g/ 206yd Lion Brand Comfy Cotton Blend in colorway Soothing Lavender (Color A)

25g/ 49yd Lion Brand Comfy Cotton Blend in colorway Whipped Cream (Color B)

Approximately 44g/ 96 yards extra for making handles

US Size 7/UK Size 7/4.5mm needles (DPNs and 24" circulars)

4 Stitch Markers (1 different for BOR)

Tapestry needle for weaving ends

Measuring tape or gauge swatch measuring device

Notes

-* * indicates a repeat

-(xx) at the end of a row/round indicates how many total stitches for that row/round

Stitch Index

CO - cast on

R - row/round

BOR - beginning of row/round

PM - place marker

SM - slip marker

BO - bind off

YO - yarn over

K - knit

K1fb - knit 1 front and back (knit 1 through the front loop, do not remove stitch, knit 1 through the back loop [increase by 1 st])

K2tog - knit 2 stitches together

P - purl

CDD - center double decrease (slip 2 sts as one knitwise, k next st, pass both slipped sts as one over [decrease by 2 sts])



Pattern

Base

Foundation:

With Color A and using the Pinhole method, CO 8 sts and divide them between your DPNs (I start this method with 3 needles [2, 2, and 4 sts] and add the 4th needle when I've completed a few rounds. Do what works best for you!)

R1 k all sts (8)

R2 k1fb each st (16)

R3 k all sts (16)

Note: This is where I add my 4th needle, as I'm working R4 (splitting the sts on the needle with the most).

R4 *k1, yo, k2, yo, k1* repeat from * to * 3x (24)

R5 k all sts (24)

R6 *k1, yo, k until 1 st left on needle, yo, k1* repeat from * to * 3x (32)

R7 k all sts (32)

Repeat R6-7 until you have 40 sts on each side (160 sts total)

Note: Switch to circulars once you have enough sts or when your DPNs start getting crowded. PM in each corner (in between each DPN) with different colored marker at BOR.

Rounds will start back at 1 for the body of your bag.

Body

R1 *k19, k2tog, k19* repeat from * to * 3x, SM as you go (156)

R2 *k1, yo, k15, ssk, yo, CDD, yo, k2tog, k15, yo, k1* repeat from * to * 3x, SM as you go (156)

R3 k all sts, SM as you go (156)

R4-24 Repeat R2-3 ending on an increase/decrease round

Attach a new strand of Color B

R25-31 Repeat R2-3 beginning with a knit row and ending on an increase/decrease row

R32 *k1, yo, k1, **yo, ssk** repeat from ** to ** 8x, yo, CDD, yo, k2tog, **yo, k2tog** repeat from ** to ** 7x, yo, k1, yo, k1* repeat from * to * 3x (164)

Note: In order to get the lace to work with the pattern you will increase 2 sts on each. Decreases on the next round will even the stitch count back out again.

R33 *k3, ssk, k to 5 sts before marker, k2tog, k3* repeat from * to * 3x (156)

R34-35 Repeat R2-3

R36-37 repeat R32-33

R38-41 Repeat R2-3 beginning with a knit row and ending on an increase/decrease row

Attach a new strand of Color A

R42-47 Repeat R2-3 beginning with a knit row and ending on an increase/decrease row

R48 *SM, YO 3x, k to next marker* repeat from * to * 3x (164)

R49 *[k1, p1, k1] in YO, k to next marker* repeat from * to * 3x, remove markers as you go (164)

R50 k all sts (164)

BO all sts using your preferred method. Weave in your ends.

Follow this video tutorial for making your handles: <https://youtu.be/oTBToEUd5wM>.

Please contact me through email at chantal@yarnique.com if you have any questions along the way! Tag me in your photos @YarniqueBlog and use #yarnique to share your work!

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