



Promenade Bag

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This bag is made to be filled with your freshest farmer's market goods, while you look fashionable at the same time. Promenade bag is almost seam free and knit in the round. Just about any DK weight yarn will work fine. Substitutions I would suggest: Knitting for Hemp yarn or GGH Safari.

Gauge: 6 sts and 7 rows = 1 inch

Finished Measurements: (without handles) Approx. 12.5" x 10"

Materials

Needles: Size US 6 (4mm), 12 inch circular, or size to obtain gauge

Yarn: Debbie Bliss Cathay (cotton, silk, rayon: 109yards/50grams): 2 balls

Two 7-inch circular rattan/bamboo handles

Bag

Cast on 112 sts. Place marker, and knit 10 rows of St St.

Pattern Stitch:

Round 1: *YO twice, sl 1, knit 2, pssso* continue from* to end, SM.

Round 2: *Knit 2, knit YO2 as one stitch (drop extra loop). For example, knit the first YO and drop the next one* Continue to end, SM.

NOTE: If you prefer as smaller hole (yarn over), you can yo once in lieu of the YO twice as suggested in pattern above, and in round two, knit the entire row.

Repeat both rounds until piece measures approximately 10 inches, ending with round 2. Bag will stretch tremendously once bag is filled and/or blocked.

Handle Gusset

Knit 50% of stitches, and place remaining of stitches on a holder. Knit first three rows in

Sts st ending with purl row.

Shaping rows:

Row 1: K2tog, knit to the last 2 stitches (dropping the extra YO and knit as one), K2tog through back loop.

Row 2: Purl.

Do these two rows a total of three times. Cast off.

Blocking is suggested, but not necessary, because bag will stretch once filled with Farmer Market goodies. Seam bottom of bag and whip stitch circular rattan or bamboo handles to cast off area. If you plan to use bag as purse you might like to add a jersey knit lining for more stretch, or a cotton for a more sturdier bag.

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