

Platypus Dreams

Heart Bag

The size of this bag can be decreased by working with thinner yarn on smaller needles or increased by working with thicker yarn on larger needles. As written, the bag is 6.5" wide and 5.5" tall, not including handle. For solid color heart, knit all contrast color directions using main color.

Materials:

- Lion Brand Yarn *Kool Wool* (50% Merino Wool, 50% Acrylic; 50g/54m)
 - Main Color (MC): 1 skein color 147 "Eggplant"
 - Contrast Color (CC): 1 skein color 130 "Grass"
- One set size 10.5 (6.5 mm) double pointed needles
- (Optional) One crochet hook size K (6.5 mm)
- (Optional) One button
- 2 stitch holders
- Tapestry needle

Gauge:

12 sts / 4" and 18 rows / 4" in Stockinette Stitch

Stitches and Abbreviations:

K2tog: knit two stitches together through the front of both loops

SSK: (slip, slip, knit) Slip 2 stitches knitwise, one at a time, onto the right needle. Insert left needle from left to right into the front of both slipped stitches. Knit the 2 stitches together.

P2tog: purl two stitches together through the front of both loops

SSP: (slip, slip, purl) Slip the next 2 sts knitwise, one at a time, to right needle. Slip them back to left needle. Then purl them together through back loops.

M1: (make one) Insert left needle from front to back under the horizontal strand between the stitch on the left needle and the stitch on the right needle. This forms a loop on the left needle. Knit (or purl) the loop through the back.

Double Chain Stitch: begin with 2 sts on crochet hook. *Yarn over the hook and draw it through both loops. There is now only 1 loop (the new one) on the hook. Insert the hook in the left loop of the row below. Yarn over the hook and pull through. There are now 2 loops on the crochet hook.* Repeat between asterisks.

Instructions:

In MC, cast on 4 sts and join in the round. (The first two rounds can be worked I-cord style.)

Round 1: K

R2: *K1, M1* 4 times

Divide sts onto double pointed needles: 4 sts on 1st needle, 2 sts on 2nd needle, and 2 sts on 3rd needle.

R3: K

R4: 1st needle: K1, M1, K until 1 st remains on needle, M1, K1; 2nd needle: K1, M1, K to end of needle; 3rd needle: K until 1 st remains on needle, M1, K1
Repeat Rounds 3 & 4 until 40 sts total.

R19: (in CC) K

R20: (in MC) K

Repeat Rounds 19 & 20 twice more.

R25: (in MC) K

Break yarns.

Slip first 10 sts onto holder. Slip last 10 sts of round onto another holder. There are now 20 sts on needles.

Directions for top "bump" of heart:

Using MC, work back and forth in rows.

Start at the first of the 20 sts and attach MC.

Row 1: SSK, K16, K2tog

R2: P7, SSP, P2tog, P7

R3: SSK, K12, K2tog

R4: P5, SSP, P2tog, P5

R5: SSK, K8, K2tog

R6: *P2tog, P1, SSP* twice

Break yarn leaving a tail. Use a tapestry needle pull tail through remaining 6 sts.

Slip all sts from holders onto needles. Repeat directions for top "bump" of heart for these 20 sts. Weave in all loose ends.

For a button close on the bag, attach button about 6 rows down from center between "bumps". On other side of bag at center between "bumps" start a crochet chain using MC. Make chain long enough to loop around button and back to starting point. Break yarn leaving a tail. Use the tail and a tapestry needle to sew this end of chain to bag next to start of chain. Weave in loose ends.

For a crochet handle on the bag, pick up 2 sts from the top of one "bump" using CC. Double Chain Stitch until desired handle length. Break yarn leaving a tail. Use the tail and a tapestry needle to sew end of chain to top of other "bump". Weave in loose ends.

