

BOTTLE BEAUTY BAG



Yarn with a touch of glitter lends a festive mood to this richly textured cabled lace gift bag!

Size: 12" high x 8" circumference (unstretched); will stretch to fit standard size wine bottle

Skill level: Intermediate

Materials:

150 yds. medium weight (4) yarn in main color (MC)(red)

(Sample shown in Universal Yarns "Classic Worsted Holiday" (79% acrylic, 2% metallic, 19% wool), 197 yds/100 gm ball, in color: 104 Red Glow)

20 yds. medium weight (4) yarn in contrast color (CC)(white)

Set of five size US 6 (4.25 mm) double-pointed knitting needles, or size needed to achieve gauge

Cable needle

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle

Gauge: 16 sts & 20 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch on size 6 (4.25 mm) needles

Terms/Abbreviations: beginning (beg), bind off (BO), cable 6 back (C6B), cast on (CO), decrease (dec), double-pointed needles (dpns), each (ea), increase (inc), knit (k), knit front & back (kf&b), knit two together (k2tog), pass slipped stitch over (pssso), pattern (patt), place marker (pm), purl (p), remaining (rem), repeat (rep), round (rnd), slip (sl), stitch (st), yarn over (yo)

Pattern notes:

Bag is worked from lower edge to top using circular knitting technique, then piece is turned upside down and base is knitted from edge to center.

Special stitches:

Cable six back (C6B): slip next three stitches on left needle to cable needle and hold in back of work, knit next three stitches on left needle, then knit three stitches from cable needle.

I-cord: CO 3 sts on to one dpn. Using a second dpn, K3, *slide sts to right end of needle, pull yarn to right behind work and knit these 3 stitches again. Rep from * until I-cord is desired length. Bind off and weave in ends.

Bag

With dpns and MC, CO 36, placing 9 sts on ea of 4 dpns. Working with the 5th dpn, begin knitting in the round, being careful that sts are not twisted. Place marker to note beginning of rounds.

Rnds 1-2: K.

Begin cable pattern:

Rnd 1: *K2, yo, sl 1, k1, pssso, k4, p1, rep from * around.

Rnds 2, 4, 6, 8: *K8, p1, rep from * around.

Rnd 3: *K3, yo, sl 1, k1, pssso, k3, p1, rep from * around.

Rnd 5: *K4, yo, sl 1, k1, pssso, k2, p1, rep from * around.

Rnd 7: *K5, yo, sl 1, k1, pssso, k1, p1, rep from * around.

Rnd 9 (cable rnd): *C6B, yo, sl 1, k1, pssso, p1, rep from * around.

Rnd 10: *K8, p1, rep from * around.

Rep Rnds 1-10 four times, then rep Rnds 1-8 once.

Next rnd: *K8, p1, rep from * around.

Next two rnds: K.

Next rnd (eyelet rnd): *K2, yo, k2tog, rep from * around.

Next two rnds: K.

Begin top edging:

Rnd 1: P.

Rnd 2: K.

Rnd 3: P.

Rnds 4-5: Rep Rnds 2-3.

BO in knit.

Work base of bag:

Turn piece upside down. With MC, pick up 36 sts around cast-on edge and begin working decrease rnds:

Rnd 1: *K4, k2tog, rep from * around (30 sts)

Rnd 2: *K3, k2tog, rep from * around (24 sts)

Rnd 3: *K2, k2tog, rep from * around (18 sts)

Gather rem sts together and cinch to close.

Tie:

With CC, work a 20" length of I-cord.

Finishing:

Weave in all ends. Weave I-cord tie through eyelet rnd of bag and tie in a bow as shown.

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