Swift Sak

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When you have a tight living space and two curious kids that can't keep their hands off anything. You become creative with ways to store your knitting tools. An umbrella swift makes for a highly useful tool, but it is also an attractive target and unless you want to spend your days shooing away little fingers, this is great solution.

This bag makes for perfect storage and whether your plan on a knitting retreat, yarn adventure or just want to wind up some skeins in the park to freak out the general public, then this is the way to go.

The i-cord strap is designed to naturally close on top opening through the buttonholes when hung on your shoulder or perhaps on a hook in your storage closet.

Yarn:
Peaches n' Cream [100% Cotton; 122yd per 2.5 oz ball] – 2 balls in Ecru color

Tahki Imports Cotton Classic II [100% Cotton; 74yd/68m per 50g ball] – 1 ball in Mustard (#2586), 1 ball in Light Denim (#2847),

Tahki Imports Tweedy Cotton Classic [100% Cotton; 108yd/100m per 50g ball] – 1 ball in blue (#460)

Finished Measurements:
Height: 27 inches
Circumference: 12.5 inches

Recommended needle size:
4 7in US #5/3.75m double pointed needles (always use a needle size that gives you the gauge – every knitter's gauge is unique)

Notions:
Stitch marker
Tapestry needle

Gauge:
20 sts/28 rows = 4 inches in Stockinette Stitch

k = knit
p = purl
st st = stockinette stitch
co = cast on
kbf = knit into back and front of stitch (increase)
m = make one (increase)
k2tog = knit two together (decrease)
bo = bind off

Pattern Notes:

This project is knit from bottom up and will start by creating a few rounds of I-cord that will help secure the strap in the finishing process.

Directions:

Cast-on: 6 stitches.

Row 1: Knit the next row as I-cord by pushing these 6 st to the other end of the needle and without turning your work knit these 6 stitches.

Row 2: Repeat row 1.

Row 3: *kfb. K1 repeat from * to end of row. (increased to 9 stitches). Divided these stitches evenly over 3 needles and continue knitting in the round being careful not to twist your stitches. Place marker to represent start of row.
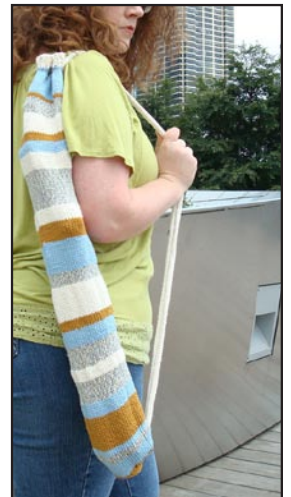
Row 4: knit

Row 5: *kfb of first stitch on each needle. Knit remaining stitches on needle repeat * (overall increase to 12 stitches)

Row 6: knit

Row 7: *kfb of first stitch on each needle. Knit to last stitch on same needle and kfb repeat * (overall increase to 18 stitches)

Repeat Rows 6 & 7 three more times. (overall increase to 36 stitches)

Row 14: knit

Row 15: *kfb of first stitch on each needle. K5, M1, K5 and kfb of last stitch on needle repeat * (overall increase to 45 stitches)

Row 16: knit

Row 17: *kfb of first stitch on each needle. K6, M1, K7 and kfb of last stitch on needle repeat * to end of row (overall increase to 54 stitches)

Row 18: knit

Row 19: *kfb of first stitch on each needle. K7, M1, K9 and kfb of last stitch on needle repeat * to end of row (overall increase to 63 stitches)

With total stitch count at 63 stitches (21 stitches per needle) continue working in the round changing colors when you are creatively inspired and until your sack is 25 1/2 inches in length from cast-on.

Buttonholes:

Row1: *k5, bind-off 3, k5, bind-off 3, k5 repeat from *

Row2: *k5, turn work and cast-on 3 stitches using the knit-cast-on, turn work, k5, turn work and cast-on 3 stitches using the knit-cast-on, turn work, k5 repeat from * to end of row

Row 3 & 4: knit

Row 5: k2tog, p1, *k1, p1 repeat from * to end of row.

Continue with ribbing for 1 inch. Bind-off.

I-cord Strap:

Cast-on 5 stitches. Knit the next row by pushing these 5 st to the end of the needle and without turning your work knit these 5 stitches. Continue working the I-cord until it measures 54 inches in length. Bind-off.

Finishing:

Take the I-cord strap and weave the cord through the buttonholes. With a tapestry needle secure the both ends of the I-cord to the bottom of the sack. Weave in ends.