

# In Circles Tote Bag



Summer-y Short-rows!

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## Materials

Bernat Cotton-ish by Vickie Howell (55% cotton /45 % Acrylic; 282 yds/252 m), in colors: (A) 2 Balls Cotton Ball, and (B) 1 ball Cotton Club.  
 Size U.S. 9 (5.5 mm) Clover Takumi Knitting Needles  
 CloverJumbo Tapestry Needle  
 Set, Clover Knitting & Crochet Jumbo Clips  
 1/2 yd. canvas fabric  
 Sewing needle & thread  
 Set of leather handles (with punched holes for sewing)  
 Sharp, Large-eyed Needle  
 Sewing machine (optional)

## Finished Measurements

Approx 14"x 13"h/ 35 cm x 33 cm, excluding handles

## Gauge

14 sts x 8 rows = 4"/10 cm in Garter Stitch

*NOTE: This project is worked with a TRIPLE strand of yarn throughout. Wind each color of yarn into three separate balls ahead of time.*

## Directions

Circle Motifs (Make 12):  
 With a TRIPLE STRAND of A, CO 8 sts.

\*Short row 1 (RS): K7, sl 1, bring yarn to front, return sl st to LH needle, turn (sl st is wrapped), k to end on WS.

Short row 2 (RS): K5, sl 1, bring yarn to front, return sl st to LH needle, turn, k to end on WS.

Short row 3 (RS: K3, sl 1, bring yarn to front, return sl st to LH needle, turn, k to end on WS.

Short row 4: (RS) K1, sl 1, bring yarn to front, return sl st to LH needle, turn, k to end on WS.\*\*

Repeat from \* 5 times more. Cut A, join B.

Repeat from \* 6 times more.

BO, leaving tail for seaming.

Using tapestry needle, seam together CO and BO edges to complete circle.

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Semi-circle Motifs (make 12):

Work as for Circle Motifs from \* to \*\*.

Next row (RS): Knit 8 sts (1st half of top of semi-circle), pick up 8 sts across 2nd half of semi-circle.  
Next row: Knit.

BO.

Weave in ends on all motifs.

## Assembly

Using main photo as guide, lay out 6 circles sandwiched by 6 (total) semi-circles out for FRONT of tote. Using ONE strand of yarn, tapestry needle & Jumbo Wonder Clips to hold in place, seam motifs together.

Repeat for BACK piece.

## Finishing

Make lining:

Cut canvas to measurements of finished tote, adding seam allowance for sides and bottom, and hem allowance for top.

Pro tip: Painter's drop cloths work great for tote bag lining. Bonus: they're already hemmed!

With wrong sides facing, hem top; sew sides and bottom seams.

Turn right-sides out; press. Insert lining into bag; hand-tack to top, side seams of bag and along top motifs.

Using ONE strand of yarn and Sharp Tapestry Needle, sew handles to tote and lining.



See video tutorial on Facebook!:

<https://www.facebook.com/vickiehowell/videos/896181250490425/>