

Mary Jane's Tearoom

Tearoom Messenger Bag

Measurements approx. L3.5cm - 4cm/1.4" - 1.6" W4.5cm - 5cm/1.8" - 2"
(Suitable for Mary Jane's Tearoom Dolls and Animals approx. 20cm/8" tall)



This magical little bag
carries only the most special messages ...



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Notions (See also Useful Resource Links P.4)

Row Counter
Embroidery Scissors
Tapestry Needle
Yarn markers (In a contrasting colour)
1 Decorative Button (8mm/0.3")
Hand Sewing Needle & Thread in corresponding shade to finish Bag and attach Button

Yarn Idea (See also example P.4)

***Madelinetosh Unicorn Tails** (Mini Skeins)
100% Merino Wool 4ply/Fingering Weight
(Shade used in pattern 'Glazed Pecan')
Skein Label Information: 14g skein/48m/52yds
Gauge 26 - 30sts/10cm/4"
2.25mm - 2.75mm/US 1 - 2 Knitting Needles

Yarn Amount: 5g (Rounded up)

*Alternatively use oddments of 4ply/Fingering Weight Yarn.

Knitting Needles (used in pattern)

A pair of 2.5mm (US 1.5) Single Pointed Knitting Needles (or 2 x
Double Pointed Knitting Needles still working 'back & forth')
2 x 2.75mm (US 2/UK12) Double Pointed Knitting Needles (Dpns)



Tension is not important in this pattern.

Experiment with different weight yarns/knitting needle sizes
for a smaller/larger **Tearoom Messenger Bag**.



INSTRUCTIONS



Main Piece (Working 'back & forth')

2 x 2.5mm/US 1.5 Knitting Needles

Cast on 17sts using **long tail cast on** leaving a 10cm/4" yarn end (beg at front upper edge of Bag).

Row 1: K to end (WS)

Row 2: K2, P2, **LT**, P5, **LT**, P2, K2 - 17sts (RS)

Row 3: K4, P2, K5, P2, K4

Rows 4 - 17: Repeat rows 2 & 3 a further 7 times (14 rows)

Row 18: K to end (RS)

Row 19: K2, P to last 2sts, K2

Rows 20 - 41: Repeat rows 18 & 19 a further 11 times (add **yarn markers** each end of Row 33) (22 rows)

Flap

Row 42: K2, SSK. K to last 4sts, K2tog, K2 - 15sts (RS)

Row 43: K2, P2tog, P to last 4, SSP, K2 - 13sts

Row 44: K2, SSK, K to last 4sts, K2tog, K2 - 11sts

Row 45: K2, P2tog, P to last 4sts, SSP, K2 - 9sts

Buttonhole row ...

Row 46: K2, Sl1, K2tog, PSSO, YRN, K2tog, K2 - 7sts (RS)

Row 47: K1, K2tog, P1, SSK, K1 - 5sts

Row 48: K1, Sl1, K2tog, PSSO, K1 - 3sts

Row 49: K to end (WS)

Cut yarn leaving a 10cm/4" yarn end then thread onto a tapestry needle and pass through remaining sts. Pull up yarn end firmly to gather then secure and weave in (WS). Weave in **cast on** yarn end (WS) but leave **yarn markers** in place.

Strap

2 x 2.75mm/US 2 Double Pointed Knitting Needles

Cast on 4sts using **long tail cast on** leaving a 10cm/4" yarn end.

Work an **I-Cord** for approx. 15cm/6"

I-Cord Link (*Cast on 4sts in this pattern)

<https://www.purlsoho.com/create/i-cord/>

Leave a 10cm/4" yarn end. Thread onto a blunt tapestry needle then pass through stitches. Pull up yarn end firmly and secure.

Gather stitches at **cast on** edge of Strap and secure.

Take each yarn end into Strap then out further away. Pull gently and cut ensuring each end is lost in the Strap.

To finish

- Pin main piece lightly with (RS) uppermost. Using a warm steam iron hover closely over piece pressing the steam button several times.
- Next, remove pins then fold piece matching **cast on** edge to **yarn markers** with (WS) together and edges matching. Pin again and steam as before.
- Finally, fold over Flap and pin this in place then steam again. Give the top and bottom fold lines a light press (using tip of the iron). Leave piece to dry completely. (Cont.P.3)



Steam press Strap on both sides to flatten using a warm steam iron while avoiding stretching.
 Close each side of Bag (RS) by **whipstitching** edges together using **sewing thread** in a corresponding shade then remove **yarn markers**. Use sewing thread to attach each end of Strap to Bag on inside.
 Add a Button to front of Bag using sewing thread and matching up with Buttonhole then fasten Flap.

ABBREVIATIONS

approx: approximately
beg: beginning
dec: decrease
Inc: increase
K: Knit
L: Length
L: Left
N: Needle
P: Purl
R: Right
RS: Right Side
St: Stitch
St-st: Stocking/Stockinette Stitch: Knit every row **RS** and Purl every row **WS**
 Reverse Stocking/Stockinette Stitch: Purl every row **RS** and Knit every row **WS**
Tog: Together
WS: Wrong side **W:** Width



TECHNIQUES

'Leaf'
 from the
 'Little Tearoom Bears'
 Knitting Pattern



Long Tail Cast On (Thumb Version)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lAtRogsN9E

which gives the same result as **Standard/ Continental Method** if preferred ...

www.knittinghelp.com/video/play/long-tail-cast-on

LT: (Left Twist) Skip 1 stitch on **L** needle and knit through the back loop (**tbl**) of **next stitch** while keeping both stitches on the **L** needle, now knit the skipped stitch slipping both stitches off the needle together.

Left Twist Video link ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hzr-oEXyPlg>

Decreasing ...

SSK: Slip one stitch **Knitwise**, slip another stitch **Purlwise** (or **Knitwise** if preferred) then insert **L** needle into front loops of slipped sts and **Knit** together from this position through back of loops (1 stitch decreased)

K2tog: Knit 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)

SSP: Slip 2 stitches **Knitwise** one at a time then Purl together through back of loops (1 stitch decreased)

P2tog: Purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)

Sl1: Slip 1 stitch **Purlwise** from **L** needle to **R** needle.

PSSO: Pass slipped stitch over (1 stitch decreased)

Increasing ...

YRN: (US: **YO**) Bring the yarn from back of work to the front between the 2 needle points then over **R** needle to the back before knitting the next stitch (1 stitch increased)

If you are new to knitting www.knittinghelp.com/ has instructional videos of all the above basic stitches/techniques.

Safety Tiny Buttons, Straps and small pieces should not be in the vicinity of young children and babies.

USEFUL RESOURCE LINKS

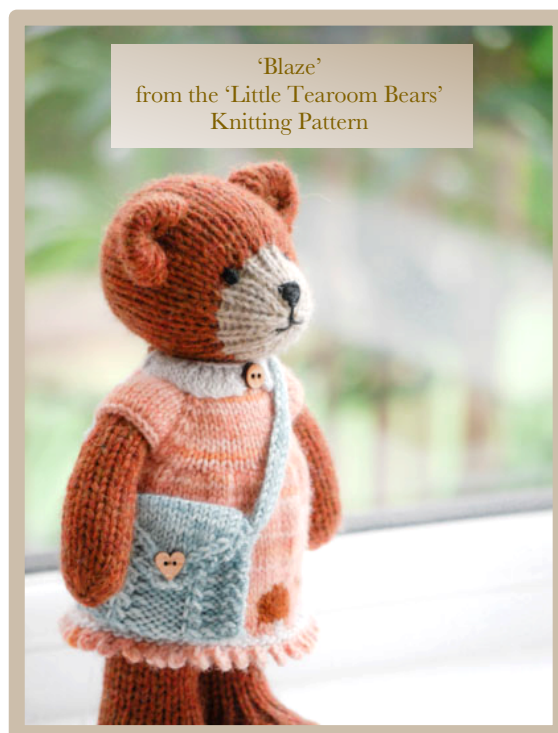
Madelinetosh Unicorn Tales
Lichen & Lace - Sock Minis
loopknitting.com/

Mini Wooden Buttons (size 8mm)
craftwoodcreations.co.uk/shop

Clover Darning Needle Set
www.woolstack.co.uk/

Single/Double Pointed Knitting Needles
(KnitPro Karbonz)
www.lovecrafts.com/
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk/
www.woolstack.co.uk/

Yarn Substitution Help
<https://yarnsub.com/>



Blue Messenger Bag
Lichen & Lace - Sock Minis
20g Mini Skein/ Shade 'Beach Glass'

MJT LINKS

Website
www.maryjanestearoom.com

ETSY
www.etsy.com/shop/maryjanestearoom

Instagram
www.instagram.com/maryjanestearoom/

Facebook
www.facebook.com/MaryJanesTearoom/

Facebook Knitting Group
www.facebook.com/groups/957066501434674

Ravelry
www.ravelry.com/stores/mary-janes-tearoom-designs

Ravelry Knitting Group
www.ravelry.com/groups/mary-janes-tearoom

LoveCrafts
<https://www.lovecrafts.com/en-gb/user/maker/0db46b49-ed72-40f0-86ad-8805c22a2a32>



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