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MYSTIQUE BEACH BAG

Phil has designed us this great beach bag/shopper using Mystique. This bright, stripy bag is knitted in the round (apart from the elliptical-shaped base). The straps are made from plaited i-cords knotted at the ends, and in between where they're attached, the top edge of the bag rolls down.

MEASUREMENTS

32.5cm (12in) wide, by 38cm (15in) high.

YOU WILL NEED

Mystique 50g balls
MC - Vino Tinto (2561) 3 x 50g balls.
CC - Naranja (2560) 2 x 50g balls.
1 pair of 60cm (24in) circular needles, 6mm (US size 10).
Stitch marker. Darning needle to weave in ends.

TENSION

15 sts x 22 rows over stocking stitch on 6mm needles or the size required to give the correct tension.

ABBREVIATIONS

st(s) - stitch(es)
k - knit
p - purl
rnd - round
W&T - wrap and turn. If you're unsure about this technique, you can just turn your work instead (this leaves a tiny hole that is unlikely to cause any problem with your bag).

To make the base:-

For a visual tutorial on short row shaping, please click on our YouTube link https://youtu.be/Kf_UPdIDi1A

Using 6mm circular needle and MC, cast on 50sts.

Row 1: Knit all sts.

Row 2: Purl until 4 sts remain. W&T.

Row 3: Knit until 4 sts remain. W&T.

Row 4: Purl until 8 sts remain. W&T.

Row 5: Knit until 8 sts remain. W&T.

Row 6: Purl until 12 sts remain. W&T.

Row 7: Knit until 12 sts remain. W&T.

Row 8: Purl to the end of the row.

Row 9: Knit all sts.

Row 10: Purl until 12 sts remain. W&T.

Row 11: Knit until 12 sts remain. W&T.

Row 12: Purl until 8 sts remain. W&T.

Row 13: Knit until 8 sts remain. W&T.

Row 14: Purl until 4 sts remain. W&T.

Row 15: Knit until 4 sts remain. W&T.

Row 16: Purl to the end of the row.

Row 17: Knit all sts. Then using the thumb method, cast on an additional 53 sts. Place marker (this will indicate start/end of round). Cast on one more st. 104 sts.

To make the sides:-

Continue directly from row 17. From 18 onwards, numbers indicate rounds rather than rows.

Rnd 18: Join in the round, taking care not to twist your work. Purl 103 sts, up to the marker.

Rnd 19: Purl.

Rnds 20-36: Knit all sts. Do not cut the yarn.

Rnds 31-32: In CC, knit all sts. Do not cut the yarn.

Rnds 33-34: In MC, knit all sts. Cut the yarn at the end of round 34.

Rnds 35-72: In CC, knit all sts. Do not cut the yarn.

Rnds 73-74: In MC, knit all sts. Do not cut the yarn.

Rnds 75-76: In CC, knit all sts. Cut the yarn at the end of round 76.

Rnds 77-82: In MC, knit all sts.

Rnd 83: K12, cast off 2st, (k23, cast off 2sts) 3 times, k11. 96 sts.

Rnd 84: K12, (cast on 2sts using thumb method, k24) 3 times, cast on 2sts using thumb method, k12. 104 sts.

Rnds 85-89: Knit all sts.

Rnd 90: As round 83.

Rnd 91: As round 84.

Rnds 92-93: Knit all sts.

Rnd 94: Cast off loosely and cut yarn.

To make the shoulder straps:-

In MC, make an i-cord by casting on 5 sts, *sliding them to the opposite end of the needle and bunching them together, pulling the yarn tightly across the back of the sts and knitting across all 5**. Repeat * to ** until the cord is 80cm (31½ inches) in length. Cast off tightly. Leave an approximately 20cm (8") tail before cutting the yarn.

Make 6 cords.

Then take 3 cords, tie their ends together using their yarn tails, and plait them together. Tie the yarn tails together at the other end to prevent the plait from unravelling.

Repeat with the other 3 cords.

Make Up

Using MC yarn, sew the second side of the base closed using mattress stitch.

Attach the shoulder straps: Hold the bag up in front of you, opening at the top. Locate the eyelet holes you made in its upper section. Taking one cord, thread it through the left vertical pair of eyelets, such that it goes into the fabric through the top left hole, and a short end emerges through the bottom left hole. Taking the opposite end of the same cord, thread it in through the top right eyelet hole, and out through the lower right eyelet hole. Tie a tight knot in each end of the cord, to help prevent it from slipping back through the fabric, and use the yarn tails from the end of the cord to secure the knot and sew the hole closed so that the knot cannot slip through. Secure the other end of the cord in the same way.

Attach and secure the other cord on the opposite side of the bag.

Weave in all ends.



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