

soy wool stripes Tote

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Materials

Three skeins Patons Soy Wool Stripes

70% wool, 30% soy
100 m per 80 g skein

2 circular needles, US 10.5/6.5 mm, 40-47 inches in length

8 sets 7/16" eyelets, setting tool and hammer

Pattern notes / abbreviations:

This pattern uses a provisional cast-on to start. I use a method taught to me by [Cat Bordhi](#).

The original bag required a contrast yarn for the cord. This version is slightly smaller, allowing you to produce both the bag and its cord from the main yarn. For this reason, finished measurements are not provided.

ssksk: slip next 2 sts as if to knit, then knit them together tbl. Slip next st as if to knit, then knit it together, with the st just made, tbl. 2 sts decreased.

Provisionally cast on 172 sts. Using Cat's method, I cast 172 sts onto each of 2 long circulars. One of them rests while I work the front.

Work bag front (back and forth on long circular):

Right side rows: sl1, k54, ssksk, turn

Wrong side rows: sl1, p to end

Repeat these rows 29 times more. 112 sts on needle

Pull out a length of the long circular's cable at midpoint of the row, effectively moving each group of 56 sts onto its own needle.

Graft the front to the side.

Join yarn to resting stitches.

Work bag sides/bottom (back and forth on long circular):

Right side rows: sl1, k to end

Wrong side rows: sl1, p to end

Repeat these rows 12 times more.

Work back as for front.

Work 60 inches 5-stitch i-cord

Felt bag and cord. Place bag over an appropriately-sized box to dry overnight.

When dry, pleat each end and poke a large knitting needle through the layers (about an inch in and an inch down). Open up each of 8 holes with a careful snip of the scissors and apply eyelets as per package directions.

Add the strap, tying it in a knot and burying the join in one of the bag's inner folds.