



## Knit Fit

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*This little bag is designed for knitting “on the go” – it carries a skein of yarn comfortably while your hands carry the needles and work-in-progress. So go ahead, take your knitting while chasing the kids around the park or take the long walk to the post office, and at the very least, you’ll lose a few ounces of the fiber variety! ☺*

### **Materials Needed:**

- 110 yards of worsted weight yarn
- 16 in/40cm circular needles, US 6/4mm
- DPN’s to match (I used these for the bottom of the bag and the I-cord; if you prefer another method like magic loop or two circs, go for it. Oh, and if you really hate I-cording – use dpn’s a size larger like I did; makes it go faster!)
- Needle to weave in ends
- Optional: Plastic container to put inside bag; keeps tiny needles from poking through the bottom of the bag.



### **Gauge:**

24 sts and 30 rows per 4” in st st in the round

*For this particular bag, gauge isn’t of huge importance. Difference in gauge may use more or less yarn and will change the sizing of the bag somewhat, but as long as it’s a slightly tighter gauge than recommended for the yarn the bag should function fine.*

### **Special Notes:**

To work an I-cord: with dpn or circulars, knit 4. Instead of turning, slide sts to working end of your needle (so the first st of previous row is again the first st) and bring the working yarn tightly across the back of the work; knit across again. Repeat until desired length is reached.



### **Warm Up:**

With circular needle, CO 80 sts.

*Option A: Work in Seed Stitch for 1” (2.5 cms)*

*Option B: K two rnds even.*

*Then, for both versions:*

Eyelet Rnd: \*YO, k2tog, repeat from \* around.

### **Get Moving:**

*This part of the project is great for in-motion knitting ☺*

Work even in st st (k every row) until bag measures 6 –7 in/15-17cm from cast on edge.

### **Cool Down:**

*Note: I switched to dpn's to work the decreases and I-cord bottom; if you prefer another method you can use that.*

Dec rnd 1: \*k 8, k2tog, repeat from \* around.

Dec rnd 2: \*k7, k2tog, repeat from \* around.

Continue in this fashion, knitting one less stitch between decreases, until 4 sts remain. Place all 4 sts on a dpn, then work I-cord until long enough to tie an overhand knot. BO sts and use needle to pull tail through the center of the I-cord. Knot I-Cord.

### **Meditate:**

To make bag strap/handle:

CO 4 sts and work I-cord for approximately 11 in/27 cms. (If your bag is larger, you'll want this to be longer.)

Inc row: kf&b, k 2, kf&b. Turn work.(6 sts)

Row 1: k1, p1 across. Turn.

Row 2: p1, k1 across. Turn.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 until seed stitch portion of handle measures 6 in/15cm or long enough to comfortably fit around your wrist.

Work Dec Rnd with wrong side facing: k2tog, k 2, k2tog. Turn. (4 sts)

With RS facing, work I-cord as before. BO, pull tail through I-cord to finish.

Thread each I-cord section through eyelet round. (I used every 3<sup>rd</sup> hole, just make sure both sides are equal and the seed stitch panel is across from your knot.) Tie a knot at the end of each cord. Fasten together in a bow or with an overhand knot as needed to open/close the bag.

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