

String Bag No. 2

Slim and elegant, with beautiful lacy detailing, this is the perfect bag for a fine bottle of wine - perhaps with a crusty baguette and a nice cheese for company.



Materials: Around 150 yds of DK to light worsted weight cotton or cotton blend yarn or twine. (I used Aunt Lydia's Denim Quick-Crochet - 75% cotton, 25% acrylic, looked and felt just like the cotton blend twine at the hardware store, but a bit cheaper).

Needles: For the base: 3.5 mm (US 4) dpns for the base, with a gauge of 4.5 stitches and 7 rows to the inch in stockinette. For the body: 4 mm (US 6), 16 inch circular. No need to worry overly about gauge, as long as you're close.

Pattern:

Base: Using the half-hitch technique (no slip knots), cast on 8 stitches and divide between 3 dpn's, preparing to join in the round. For mathematical ease, the cast-on will be defined as round 1.

Rnds 2-3: knit, tug on the tail to snug up the centre

Rnd 4: *yo, k1; repeat from *

Rnd 5, and all odd numbered rounds through 17 inclusive: knit

Rnd 6: *yo, k2; rep from*

Rnd 8: *yo, k3; rep from*

Rnd 10: *yo, k4; rep from*

Rnd 12: *yo, k5; rep from*

Rnd 14: *yo, k6; rep from*

Rnd 16: *yo, k7; rep from*

Rnd 18: *yo, k8; rep from* - 72 stitches

knit two rounds plain



Lace (body):

Rnd 1: *k1, yo, k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, yo; rep from* Note that this round ends with a yo.

Rnd 2: knit

Rnd 3: *yo, k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, yo, k1; rep from *

Rnd 4: knit

Repeat these 4 rows 10 times or until desired length is achieved. Note that the pattern rounds are identical, just staggered by 1 stitch.

End with 3 rounds knit plain.

Eyelets:

Rnd 1: *p3tog, yo; rep from *

Rnd 2: *(k1, p1) into yo, k1; rep from*
knit 2 rounds plain

Picot bind-off:

*Insert the right needle between the first two stitches and draw through a loop, placing it on the left needle as for a cable cast on. BO 4 stitches. Slip the remaining loop on the right needle over to the left and repeat from *

I-cord:

Make a 3 stitch I-cord as follows: using 2 dpns, CO 3 st, *k3, do not turn. Slide sts to right, pull yarn to tighten. Rep from* until cord is long enough to thread through the eyelets of the fully opened bag, plus another couple of inches. Thread the cord through the eyelets before binding off, and graft or sew the ends together, leaving long tails embedded within the cord.



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