

Blue Ridge Yarns

Fast and Easy Hand Bag

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Materials

2 skeins of Cyclone 100yds/skein
Size 10us single pointed needles
3 medium size buttons of your choice
1 tapestry needle

Knitting the Bag

1. Cast on 20sts
2. K50 rows stockinet stitch (Knit 1 row, purl 1 row)
3. Cast off all 20sts
4. Repeat steps 1-3, 2 more times. (This will create three rectangular pieces)
5. Cast on 20sts
6. K20 rows in stockinet stitch
7. Cast of all 20sts
8. Repeat steps 5-7, 1 more time (This will create two square pieces)
9. Using a tapestry needle stitch 1 of the square pieces to the ends of the three rectangular pieces using a running stitch (Note flip one rectangular piece that you choose to have as the bottom, which will make the purl side show and will give the bottom of the purse some texture.)
10. Now attach the second square piece to the other end of the bag
11. On one of the top side pieces pick up 20sts down the length of the bag.
 12. K2 p2 for 8 rows
 13. Cast off all 20sts
14. On the opposite side that you chose to pick up the stitches for the flap attach three buttons to the bottom of the purse using your tapestry needle, one on both ends and one in the middle.
 15. Cut three pieces of yarn 5'' long
16. Using your tapestry needle and one of your 5'' long pieces of yarn run half of the length of the yarn around about 3sts at one end of the purse to form the button loop.
 17. Knot both ends of the 5'' piece of yarn together and wrap it around the button beneath it.
 18. Repeat steps 16 and 17 for the other 2 buttons.

Making the handle

1. Cut 6 pieces of yarn 10'' long, make 2 braids knotted at the ends.
2. Cut 6 pieces of yarn 30'' long. Double the strands of yarn to braid one long piece and knot the ends.
3. Fold the top of one side of the purse in and using one of the 6'' braided strand and your tapestry needle thread the yarn through the fold, which will create a loop. Tie the ends of the thread together.
 4. Repeat step 6 on the other side.
5. Tie longer braid on the smaller loops to form the handle.

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