

A Different Ewe Project Bag

Yarn Along the Rockies



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Finished Measurements:

12" x 9"

Gauge:

7 Sts = 1"

Meeting this exact gauge is not crucial, but any major differences will affect the size of the finished bag

Yarn:

- The Fiber Seed, Sprout Sock, 90% Superwash Merino/10% Nylon
- 122 yds, Green
- 165 yds, Blue Steel
- The Fiber Seed, Sprout Sock, 90% Superwash Merino/10% Nylon
- 15 yds, Variagated Green/Yellow
- 15 yds, Black
- 15 yds, White
- 16 yds of Magenta
- 16 yds of Red Purple
- 16 yds of Blue Purple
- (Alternative for Magenta, Red Purple, and Blue Purple: You can either replace it with 48 yards of a solid color such as white OR a variegated yarn of your choosing)

Needles & Notions:

US 1 circular needle 16" cable
(5) US 1 dpn's
Crochet Hook
Stitch Marker
Tapestry Needle

Abbreviations:

Co = Cast on
M1 = Make 1 stitch (increase)
K2tog = Knit 2 sts together
S1 wyib = Slip purlwise with yarn in back
K = Knit
YO = Yarn Over

About Ewe And Me

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Construction Notes

A drawstring project bag with colorful sheep worked in knit.

Pattern

Base of Bag

CO 9 stitches (suggested Emily Ocker's Cast-On) using Forest Green. The magical thing about this cast-on is, that after knitting a few rounds, you can pull on the loose yarn end to close the center hole.

- First make a loop around your finger with your working yarn...
- Then insert a crochet hook through that loop and grab the yarn, pull the yarn through the loop on your finger.
- Hook the yarn a second time.... without going through the loop on your finger...
- Draw the yarn through the loop on the crochet hook. (One stitch made)
- Go back through the loop on your finger and grab the yarn again, pulling through the loop on your finger...
- Hook the yarn a second time, without going through the loop on your finger.
- Pull through again. (Two stitches made.)
- Repeat until you have the stitches you want.

Transfer these, evenly spaced, onto double pointed needles to begin knitting. When you have knit for a few inches, pull the loose yarn end around the center to close the hole!

Place the stitches on 4 dpn's and K1 round. Place a stitch marker at the beginning of round.

Next rnd: *M1, K1* repeat from * around. K 3 rnds.
Next rnd: *M1, K1* repeat from * around. K 6 rnds
Next rnd: *M1, K1* repeat from * around. K 12 rnds
Next rnd: *M1, K1* repeat from * around. K 24 rnds.
Increase 14 stitches evenly spaced in the last round (total = 158 sts)

Switch to circular needles when you have enough stitches to fit around the 16" needle. Continue in St St until the circumference of the bag is the desired width and height.

Upper Body of Bag

Start the pattern and work in pattern until the desired height of the bag is achieved. Increase in the first round 1 st at the beginning and 1 st at the end of the round (total = 160 sts). Knit in St St until you have reached the desired height. [See Chart](#)

Individual sheep are done in *Duplicate Stitch*. Thread tapestry needle. Bring your needle from the back of the work to the front through the tip point of a stitch, or an "A", leaving a 6-inch tail in the back so you can weave it in at the end.

Next, cross the needle under the stitch BELOW the one you are duplicating. To finish that stitch, insert the needle back into the top of the "A" (the same place where you began), and at the same time, begin the next stitch by exiting the needle at its top point.

One stitch duplicated and ready for the next one. The next step is to always cross the needle under the stitch below the one you're duplicating. No matter what direction you choose to move, you will always finish a stitch by inserting the needle into its top and begin the next stitch by exiting the needle at its top. Do not pull the yarn too tight, or it will not cover the knit stitches. Try to keep a loose, but even tension. For additional help see Knit Purl Hunter YouTube Video.

Facing

After 6 rounds work eyelet buttonhole round:

Knit 9 sts, yo, K2tog repeat from *around:

Knit 6 rounds in st st.

Purl 1 round (this is your foldline for facing)

Knit 6 rounds in st st.

Bind off.

I-Cord Closure

Knit a 3 stitch I-cord for your desired length: CO 3 stitches on a dpn. Knit these 3 stitches. *Slide the stitches to the right hand of the needle (do not turn) and knit the stitches again* Repeat from *.

Finishing

Fold the facing to the inside of bag along fold line and sew in place. Thread I-cord through eyelet buttonholes. You can wet-block the bag using a bucket or a vase it will fit well over slightly stretched.

