



Double Dutch Bag

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Named for the jump rope game; the Double Dutch bag uses two strands held together and the double knit method. The bag is knit with the inside facing out and flipped right side out for finishing. Before you begin, please read through the pattern paying special attention to the helpful notes.



Materials

2 skein Cascade Nifty Cotton for MC or top of bag (held double)

1 skein Cascade Nifty Cotton for CC or bottom of bag (held double)

US 7 needles (straight or circular)

2 extra needles used for binding off, preferably US 7, though one size up or down should not matter

Double knitting is a technique that allows you to produce a double layer of stockinette stitch fabric. This technique is often used in colorwork. Here, we use it to knit a fabric that can be pulled apart.

Pattern

BOTTOM: Using two strands CC, CO 100 stitches.

Row 1: K1, sl1 across the row.

Row 2: Turn the work and K1, sl1 across next row.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for a total of 10 rows.

Rows 11 & 12: p1, wyib sl1 across

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BODY: continue with CC

k1, sl1, across all rows until bottom color measures 5" from the cast on edge

Change to MC (held double), continue k1, sl1 across all rows until piece measures 11" from the cast on edge

CUFF

Set-up: Rows 1 & 2: p1, wyib sl1 across

Rows 3 & 4: k1, sl1, across

Cuff: Sl1, p1 across all rows until cuff measures 2 inches (Note the change in pattern. Instead of working the 1st stitch you will slip it.)

BIND OFF:

Using 2 spare needles, slip the front stitches onto one needle and the back stitches onto another to separate front and back stitches. Once the stitches have been slipped from the original needle use this free needle to bind off all stitches.

FINISHING:

Weave in ends.

You may use your favorite method of blocking, however, we suggest that you try steam blocking for this heavy cotton fabric.

With piece inside out, lay it on an ironing board with iron set to hot. Lay a damp towel over the piece and iron on top of the towel. Turn the piece right side out. Fold down the cuff and again using the damp towel, iron the cuff in place.

Use leftover cotton yarn to sew straps in place on the outer corners of the bag. Be sure to go through the entire fabric of the cuff and the bag.

NOTES:

- 1) Notice while working the body of the bag, you will always slip the last stitch and will then work that stitch in the next row.
- 2) Begin to notice how the stitches are separating the back and the front of the bag.
- 3) Make it a habit to periodically tug on your piece to be sure it is separating.
- 4) For the bind off you may use a size larger or smaller if don't have extra needles. But do not use much smaller or larger as it will effect your bind off.

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