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## GIFTED By Louise Zass-Bangham



A gift-bag to keep and re-use. We're knitters. We have stash. We have scraps. This bag can go out into the world, spreading knitterly love, wherever it goes.

The bag is knit all in one piece, with i-cord handles. If made in wool, as shown, the finished bag can be fulled (slightly felted) by giving it a rub in hot soapy water. It's an easy intermediate knit.

### Sizes

	Height	Width	Depth, front to back
XS	12.5cm/5"	8cm/3"	7cm /2 1/2"
S	14cm/5 1/2"	10cm/4"	7cm /2 1/2"
M	21cm/8"	16.5cm/6 1/2"	7cm /2 1/2"

In the pattern, where numbers are given for each size, the smaller size is given first with the larger size in brackets afterwards. Where only one number is given it applies to both sizes. Circle your size now, throughout the pattern. You can easily change the size by changing the yarn, number of stitches and height worked.

### Materials

100% wool, 100m/110yds per 50g. Make sure wool is NOT superwash.

Allow 62m (88m, 152m) / 68yds (97yds, 167yds)

5mm/US 8 needles for working in the round - set 5 dpns or circulars with min 80cm/32" cable for magic loop.

Stitch markers - 3 the same & 1 to mark start of Rnd.

Stitch holder, or use waste yarn.

### Tension

Gauge 18 sts to 10cm/4" over stocking stitch (stockinette)

## Abbreviations

BO	Bind off (cast off)
CO	Cast on
dpn(s)	Double pointed needle(s)
K	Knit
K2tog	Knit the next two stitches together
P	Purl
rep	Repeat
Rnd	Round
RS	Right side
SSK	Slip two sts knitwise one at a time, then knit them together from where they sit on the RH needle, through the back loop
Sl 1	Slip 1 stitch purlwise
slm	Slip marker
st(s)	Stitch(es)
WS	Wrong Side
yo	Yarn over (yarn forward)

## TO MAKE

### Base

CO 15 (22, 32) sts. I like the crochet method because it matches slipped stitches along the edges and BO.

Slip the first stitch of every Base row purlwise with the yarn in front, then move the yarn to the back, between the needles, ready to knit.

Starting with a RS row, Knit 22 rows (11 ridges of garter stitch).

### Setup sides

Working with RS of the base facing you, BO until 1 st remains on your right-hand needle. Do NOT break the yarn! You are now going to pick up around your base. If you are using dpns, put the sts for one side of the bag onto each needle.

The st left on your needle is the first st of a side. Keeping the same (RS) side facing you, pick up & knit 10 sts down the slipped sts at the end of the garter rows, so that you have a total of 11 sts, pm. Continue picking up and knitting around the base:

13 (20, 30) sts along the CO edge, pm.

11 sts along slipped stitch edge, pm.

13 (20, 30) sts along BO edge.

Pm to mark start of Rnd. 48 (62, 82) sts.

If we continued working in the round, we'd be working the inside of the bag as RS, which is awkward. If we just turn our work round, we'll get a hole, so wrap and turn, to close any hole.

Setup Rnd: on the new RS, Purl, creating a ridge. There is now a crisp edge to the base.

### Sides

Panels of regular and reverse Stocking Stitch/Stockinette define the sides.

Main Pattern Rnd: K to marker, slm, P to marker, slm, K to marker, slm, P to marker, slm.

Work in Main Pattern until sides measures 10 (11.5, 18.5)cm/4" (4 1/2", 7") from where they were picked up along the base.

### Border

Rnd 1: Purl

Rnd 2: \*K3 (4, 9), yo, K2tog, K3 (8, 8), SSK, yo,

K3 (4, 9), slm, K to marker, slm; rep from \* to end. 48 (62, 82) sts

Rnd 3: Purl

Rnd 4: Knit

Rnd 5: Purl

Rnd 6: Knit

Rnd 7: Purl

Bind off loosely, knitwise, so that the top edge is not pulled in.

Weave in ends on bag.

### Handle (make 2)

Using 2 dpns or your circular needles, CO 3 sts and work i-cord for 30cm/12". Leave yarn ends at least 15cm/6" long for joining i-cord into a handle later.

### Finishing

Rub bag and cords in warm soapy water for about 10 minutes, until it is as felled (lightly felted) as you wish. Wear rubber gloves to protect your hands. Reshape whilst damp. Leave to dry. When dry, thread one handle through the holes in one side of the border and join i-cord into a circle using yarn ends, weaving in any excess. Repeat for other handle.

**NOTE:** You are responsible for ensuring the bag you make is strong enough and suitable for holding its contents. Inspiration Knits and Louise Zass-Bangham accept no liability for loss or damage caused by using a bag made with this pattern.



### ABOUT THE DESIGNER

Louise loves designing accessories that will show off the colours in your yarn. She loves options so that you can make your project your own. Louise believes patterns should be clearly written and a pleasure to knit. Find out more at [inspirationknits.com](http://inspirationknits.com)

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