

Bloom and Foliage Bag

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Finished Size

Approx. 11" high (14" from center bottom to top edge), 18" wide at top; strap: approx. 26" long

Materials

Koigu American Merino #JB2410 deep grey (MC): 3skeins; #JB356 rust (A), #JB509 yellow/green (B), #JB703 lavender (C), #JB611 orange (D), #JB744 blue/purple (E), #JB926 green (F): 1 skein each

US3/ 3.25mm circular needle 32"/ 80 cm; US3/ 3.25mm double pointed needles

1/2 yd/ 48cm cotton fabric to match/ coordinate with yarn colors for lining

Thread to match lining

Tapestry and sewing needles

Stitch Marker

One large snap fastener

Gauge

26 sts x 32 rows = 4" x 4", slightly blocked

Notes

The bag is worked in the round, in stranded stockinette st (K every round)

For bottom of bag, change contrast color every 8 rounds, working every round 1MC, 1CC.

Bag

With double-pointed needles and MC, CO 8sts (2 sts ea needle).

Join in round, being careful not to twist.

K 1 round.

Round 2 Join E, Kfb ea st, working (K1MC, K1E) around. (16 sts)

Round 3 Work even.

Round 4 Kfb ea st (32 sts)

Rounds 5-6 Work even.



Round 7 Kfb ea st (64 sts)

Round 8 Work even.

Rounds 9-11 Break off E, join in F; work even.

Round 12 Kfb ea st (128 sts)

Rounds 13-15 work even.

Round 16 Switch to circular needle. Kfb ea st (256 sts)

Round 17-24 Break off F, join in A; work even.

Round 25 Break off A; K with MC, inc 4 sts evenly in round (260 sts).

Round 26 P

Round 27 K

Begin working color chart (mult of 20), changing CC as indicated.



When chart is completed, work *K3, K2tog with MC. Rep from *. (208 sts)

Join in A; work 8 rounds (K1 MC, K1 A).

Break off A; P one round.

K 8 rounds. BO. Fold hem to inside, along P round and sew BO edge to dec round, using MC.

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Strap

With double-pointed needles and MC, CO 30 sts, 10 sts ea on 3 needles.

Join in round, being careful not to twist.
Join in E. Work 12 rounds (K1 MC, K1 E).
Break off E, join in A. Work 12 rounds (K1 MC, K1 A).

Continue as established, working 12 rounds F, B, D, C, E, A, F, B, D, C, E. BO.

Finishing

Sew ends closed with MC.

Sew each end of strap securely to opposite ends of top section on outside.

Sew half of snap fastener to center front and center back of bag hem, on inside.

Lining

Cut 10"/ 30 cm diameter circle from lining fabric (includes 1/2"/ 1.5 cm hem).

Cut piece from lining fabric 39"/ 98 cm X 12"/ 30 cm.

With RS facing, pin short ends together, then sew 1/2"/ 1.5 cm seam.

With RS facing, pin lower long edge to circle, gathering where necessary, then sew 1/2"/ 1.5 cm seam. Press seams open.

Fold under 1/2"/ 1.5 cm along unfinished long edge. Pin fold to bottom edge of bag hem, RS facing.

Sew lining edge to hem edge.

At center of bottom circle, sew through both layers to attach lining to bottom center of bag.



