

# Organic Market Bag

## Stripe Pattern

1 Row: Yellow  
5 Rows: Tan  
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2 Rows: Orange  
3 Rows: Green  
2 Rows: Blue  
6 Rows: White  
1 Row: Yellow  
2 Rows: Tan  
4 Rows: Green

## Directions

Knit the Body of the Bag.

Cast on 60 stitches.

Starting with the yellow & following the stripe pattern above, knit in stockinette stitch for 50".

Bind off.

Sew the Bind-Off Edge to the Cast-On Edge, creating a tube.

Sew the bottom edge shut using an invisible stitch (page 99 in the Vogue Ultimate Knitting Book).

Your bag now looks like a pocket!

## Create the Top Edging

Using the green, cast on 7 stitches.

Knit in st st for 50".

Bind off.

Attach the edging to the top of the bag – fold the green you just knit over the edge of the bag, so that 1/2 of the green is visible from the outside and 1/2 is visible from the inside. Using leftover green yarn, sew into place.

## Create the Straps (make 2)

Cast on 60 stitches with the green yarn doubled. (To create more substantial straps, we knit with 2 strands of the green held together.)

Knit for 6 rows.

Bind off loosely.

## Finishing

Felt your bag and straps – I placed mine in our top-loading washing machine on the hot/heavy duty cycle (with some tennis shoes and jeans). This yarn felts very quickly, so you'll want to check it every 3-5 minutes. You might find that the straps felt quicker at a different rate than the bag, so don't be afraid to pull them out separately.

Once the bag and straps have been felted and dried, sew the straps invisibly into place using a sharp darning needle and dental floss!

Enjoy!

