

Woven Shoulder Bag

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Have you seen The Landscape Collection yet?! This collection of amazing Hand Paint Chunky colors has been dyed exclusively for us by Misti Alpaca - and we were lucky enough to have designers from all across the country write patterns for us!

In case you've never knit with it, Misti's Hand Paint Chunky is spun from 100% Baby Alpaca and is undoubtedly one of the softest fibers we've ever touched! We hope you'll enjoy this free pattern and that you'll look for more patterns by this talented designer, Talitha Kuomi.

Materials:

8 skeins Misti Alpaca Hand Paint Chunky (shown in Urban Jungle)

Size 7, 24" circular needle

4 stitch markers (one different to mark the beginning of the rounds)

Thread to match (for attaching straps)

1 sewing needle

Gauge:

20sts and 28 rows = 4" (in stockinette stitch)

Stitch Pattern Guide:

Embossed Cable Pattern

Row 1: (rs) Slip 1 knitwise, p1, k6, (turn, p3, turn, k3)2x, slip these 3 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, take yarn between needles to back, slip 3 sts from right-hand to left-hand needle, k6, p1, k1.

Row 2: Slip 1 purlwise, k1, p6, p3 from cable needle, k1, p1.

Row 3: Slip 1 knitwise, p1, k6, (turn, p3, turn, k3)2x, slip these 3 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, take yarn between needles to back, slip 3 sts from left-hand needle to right-hand needle, p1, k1.

Row 4: Slip 1 purlwise, k1, p3 from cable needle, p6, k1, p1.

Extended Embossed Cable Pattern

Row 1: K8, p1, k6, (turn, p3, turn, k3)2x, slip these 3 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, take yarn between needles to back, slip 3 sts from right-hand needle to left-hand needle, k6, p1, k1.

Row 2: Slip 1 purlwise, k1, p6, p3 from cable needle, k1, p8.

Row 3: K8, p1, k6, (turn, p3, turn, k3)2x, slip these 3 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, take yarn between needles to back, slip 3 sts from left-hand needle to right-hand needle, p1, k1.

Row 4: Slip 1 purlwise, k1, p3 from cable needle, p6, k1, p8.

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The Body of the Bag

CO 56.

Row 1: (K1, slip 1 wyif) repeat to end.

Row 2: (P1, slip 1 wyib) repeat to end.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until work measures 4", ending with a row 2.

Next row: Purl to end (56 sts), place the beginning of the round marker, pick up and purl 16 sts along the short end of knitted rectangle, pm, pick up and purl 56 sts along the wide edge of the knit rectangle, pm, pick up and purl 16 sts along the 2nd short end of the knitted rectangle, pm. You are now ready to knit in the round. (144 sts)

Rounds 1, 2 & 3: Knit to end, slipping markers as you come to them.

Round 4: (Knit to last st before marker, slip 1, sm, slip 1), repeat to end. Note that on the last repeat you will be slipping the first stitch of the next round.

Repeat rounds 1-4 until the knit in the round portion of the outer bag measures 9".

The Lining of the Bag

Next round: Purl to end. This is the 'folding row' for the top edge of the bag.

And the next round after that: (Knit to last st before marker, slip 1, sm, slip 1), repeat to end.

Note: on the last repeat you will be slipping the first stitch of the next round.

Decrease round: (Knit to last two stitches before marker, ssk, sm, k2tog) repeat to end (136 sts).

Note: on the last repeat you will be knitting together the first 2 stitches of the following round.

Rounds 1, 2 & 3: Knit to end, slipping markers as you come to them.

Round 4: (Knit to last st before marker, slip 1, sm, slip 1), repeat to end. Note that on the last repeat you will be slipping the first stitch of the next round.

Repeat rounds 1-4 until the knit in the round portion of the inner bag measures 8.75".

Next round: K to first marker, rm, BO all remaining sts (removing markers as you come to them). (54 sts)

Now work the following two rows until the bottom woven piece measures 3 1/2".

Row 1: (K1, slip 1 wyif) repeat to end.

Row 2: (P1, slip 1 wyib) repeat to end.

Bind off all sts, loosely.

The Braided Straps

*CO 11 sts.

Increase row: Slip 1, k1, p4, (purl in front and back of next stitch)2x, p1, k2. (13 sts)

Work the four rows of the Embossed Cable Pattern, until the strap measures 9". End with a 'Row 4'.

With the wrong side of the braid facing you, CO 7 extra stitches.

Continue by working the Extended Embossed Cable Pattern on size 7 dpns for 20". End with a 'Row 4'.

Turn and with the right side of the braid facing you, BO 7 stitches (leaving only the original 13 sts).

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Continue by working the Embossed Cable Pattern for 9” more. End with a ‘Row 4’ and BO as follows:

Final row of the Braided Strap: Work the following stitch pattern binding off as you go: slip 1 knitwise, p1, k2, skpo, k1, k2tog, k2, p1, k1. Cut yarn, thread yarn end through the last stitch, pull snug, tie off and weave in end.

Repeat from * for the second strap.

Outside Pockets

**Place a safety pin or clip on marker at the center front of the bag. Measure 2” out from either side of this center marker and sew the inner edges of the ends of the braided strap to these two points.

This leaves 4” in between the straps for the front pocket.

Pick up 20 sts between the inner edges at the bottom of the straps.

Row 1: (K1, slip 1 knitwise with yarn in front), repeat to end.

Row 2: (P1, slip 1 purlwise with yarn in back), repeat to end.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until pocket measures 4 3/4” high.

BO the final row of the pocket using the following **I-cord bind-off**:

Cast on 3 sts at the beginning of the bind off row,** k2, slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0, slip the 3 sts on the right hand needle back onto the left hand needle purlwise, tug the yarn firmly; repeat from ** to the last 3 sts. Cut yarn and thread through the last 3 sts. Tie off and weave in end.

Repeat from ** on the back of the bag for the second pocket.

Finishing

Note: Thread and a sewing needle were used for all the finishing on the sample bag. Yarn and a tapestry needle may be used if you prefer.

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