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Gypsy's Shoulder Bag

designed by Stephanie Shiman



Yarn: Kathmandu Original 200g : 1 skein
or 200g in Hand Picked, or Hand Picked Hues

Needles: US sz 6, 24" circular and double points
US sz 9 double points

Notions: waste yarn, stitch markers (4), yarn needle

Gauge: 16 sts = 4"
(approximately, aim for tight fabric more than gauge)

Measurements: 11" tall, 10" wide; strap measures 35"

Bag Body

Using circular needles and waste yarn, cast on 146 sts.

Set-up row: Knit, placing markers as follows:
34 sts, PM, 26 sts, PM, 26 sts, PM, 26 sts, PM, 34 sts=146

Row 1 and all WS rows: Purl.

Row 2: *knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, slip marker,
K2tog repeat from * on last repeat, knit to end

Work rows 1 and 2 until 2 sts remain between the markers. With WS facing, use 3 needle BO to bind off all sts.

continued below...

Side two: Carefully recover all the sts from the provisional cast on. You may find it easier to pick them up with smaller needles and then knit them with the appropriate size.

Gusset: Work 6 rows in stockinette stitch on the 146 sts you have just recovered.

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Work applied i-cord to bag opening: Apply i-cord to the top opening as follows below, knitting 2 rows of i-cord for every three rows of the bag body. In other words, skip every third stitch and adjust as necessary to keep i-cord flat.

Cast on 3 sts onto left needle. Knit these three sts through the back loops and slide them back to left needle (do not turn). The working yarn is now on the left. *Pull yarn snugly across the back of these sts then K 2, knit the last stitch through the back loops with a picked-up stitch from the body of the bag. Slide these 3 sts back to left needle.* Repeat around from * to * until you have worked back to the start. Sew this end to the beginning of the i-cord.

I-cord strap: With *yarn doubled* and size 9 double points, CO 3 sts and work i-cord until strap measures 37" long.

Finishing: Sew ends of strap inside either top corner of bag.

Tips for working with recycled silk yarn:

- It is easier to work from a hand rolled ball
- As soon as you can, weave in your cast-on tail to keep it from catching on your working yarn.
- If your yarn is over-twisted, letting out some of the twist will make it easier to work with and maximize your yardage. The easiest way to do this is by putting a rubber band around your ball and dangling it allowing it to turn and untwist the working yarn.

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