

R O W A N



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Finished Measurements

Approximately 17" [43 cm] wide at base and 13" [33 cm] tall, not including straps

Yarn

Pure Wool Worsted

3 x 100g balls

(photographed in Redcurrant 120)

Needles and Other Materials

Knitting needles in size US 7 [4.5 mm] or size needed to obtain tension

Knitting needles in size US 6 [4 mm]

Cable needle (cn)

½ yard [.5 meter] of 45" [114.5 cm] fabric for lining

One 2½" [6.5 cm] button

Sewing needle and matching thread for lining and attaching button

Tension

29½ sts and 26 rows to 4" [10 cm] in Cable pattern using larger needles; 19 sts and 28 rows to 4" [10 cm] in St st using smaller needles. **Take time to save time, check your tension.**

STITCH PATTERNS

Right Cable (RC, worked over 6 sts): Sl 3 sts to (cn) and hold in back, k3, k3 from cn.

Left Cable (LC, worked over 6 sts): Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, k3, k3 from cn.

Cable Pattern (multiple of 14 sts + 13)

Row 1 (RS): *P2, k9, p2, k1; rep from * to last 13 sts, p2, k9, p2.

Row 2 (WS): *K2, p9, k2, p1; rep from * to last 13 sts, k2, p9, k2.

Row 3: *P2, LC, k3, p2, k1; rep from * to last 13 sts, p2, LC, k3, p2.

Rows 4 and 6: Rep Row 2.

Row 5: Rep Row 1.

Row 7: *P2, k3, RC, p2, k1; rep from * to last 13 sts, p2, k3, RC, p2.

Row 8: Rep Row 2.

Rep Rows 1–8 for pattern.

FRONT AND BACK (make 2)

With larger needles, cast on 125 sts. Rep Rows 1–8 of Cable pattern nine times – 72 pattern rows completed; piece meas approximately 11" [28 cm] from beg. Change to smaller needles.

Strap casing: On the next RS row, work *k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1 – 63 sts. Work 13 rows even in St st (knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows), beg and ending with a WS purl row – piece meas approximately 2" [5 cm] from last cable pattern row, and 13" [33 cm] from beg. Purl the next RS row for fold line at top of casing. Work 14 rows even in St st, beg and ending with a WS row. Bind off all sts.

STRAPS (make 2)

With smaller needles, cast on 14 sts. Work in St st until piece meas 32" [81.5 cm]. Bind off all sts.

BUTTON LOOP

With smaller needles, cast on 65 sts, then bind off all sts on next row.

FINISHING

Lightly steam-block Front and Back of bag. With main yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew Front and Back together, beg at last cable pattern row along one side, down that side, across the bottom, and up the other side to the last cable pattern row. Leave strap casing section at top of bag open at the sides.

Lining: Cut lining the width of the bag and long enough to reach from just above the last cable pattern row on the Front, down to

the bottom of the bag, and then up the Back to just above the last cable pattern row. Fold lining in half with fold at bottom, and sew lining side seams with sewing needle and thread. Turn raw top edge of lining under ½" [1.3 cm] to WS and press in place.

Join each strap into a loop by sewing its cast-on and bound-off edges together, being careful not to twist strap. Sew each strap loop into a tube by seaming its selvages together, knit side facing outwards.

Place one strap loop against the WS of strap casing, fold casing to WS of bag along the fold line to enclose the strap, then sew bound-off edge of casing to first row of casing using main yarn. Rep for second strap loop on other side of bag. Place lining inside bag with wrong sides of bag and lining touching, and using sewing needle and thread sew upper edge of lining as invisibly as possible to first row of casing all the way around top of bag.

Fold button loop in half to bring its two ends together, then position button loop in center of back with its ends even with the first row of strap casing and the loop extending upwards beyond the top of the bag. Attach button loop with sewing needle and thread by sewing across both ends of loop through both bag and lining. Attach button with sewing needle and thread to center front of bag so top edge of button is even with first row of strap casing as shown, sewing through both bag and lining.