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Nylon Cord Knitted Bag – Twisted Stocking Stitch

Finished Size: 10 inches diameter, 10 inches tall

Yarn/Cord: 2 skeins Groovy, 100% nylon cord from Judi & Co., 125 yards per hank

Needles: 16 inch US 10 (6 mm) circular for body of bag

Double points US 9 (5.5 mm) for picking up stitches around base and working I-cord

Crochet Hook size H for working base of bag, top edge and button loop.

Gauge: TO SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE

4 stitches and 6 rows to the inch over Twisted Stocking Stitch

(knit all stitches through the back loop).

Misc: You will also need a tapestry needle, stitch markers and a 1 ½ inch button.

Notes on construction: The bag is worked from the bottom up continuously; at no time is the cord cut. The base is a crochet oval, stitches are picked up around the base and the body of the bag is knitted. The stitches are bound off and two rows of crochet are worked. For the handles, three loops are picked from the top edge; three stitch I-cord is worked for 20 inches (about 100 rows) and then attached to the bag. A loop is worked and a button attached for a closure.



To make the bag: With crochet hook, chain 21, Work one single crochet (sc) in second to last chain and in every chain (19 sc), work 5 sc in last chain. Work 19 sc in the other side of the chain and 5 sc at the last chain; mark the end/beginning of the round. The "curve of the oval" will have a centered single crochet with 2 sc in one sc at each side.

Work continuously thus:

1sc x 19, 2sc (in one), 1sc, 2sc (in one), (1sc x 21, 2sc, 1sc, 2sc) twice,

(1sc x 23, 2sc, 1sc, 2sc) twice, (1sc x 25, 2sc, 1sc, 2sc) twice

(1sc x 27, 2sc, 1sc, 2sc) twice, (1sc x 29, 2sc, 1sc, 2sc) twice

1sc x 33, 2sc, 1sc, 2sc, sc x 7; close the oval.

With the US 9 needles, pick up and knit 74 stitches around the base. There will be 75 stitches including the loop from the crochet hook. Change to the US 10 circular and work continuously in twisted stocking stitch. For the stripe pattern, work the base and 2 rounds with color A, (10 rounds with color B, 2 with A), repeat 4 times (inclusive) ending with the 2 color A rounds. With the crochet hook and still working with color A, bind-off all stitches and then work two rounds of single crochet.

Place markers on stitches number 16, 23, 29, 5, 60 and 66. There is one loop on the crochet hook; pick up two loops from the bag's crochet edge. With the US 9 knitting needle, work I-cord for 20 inches (about 100 rows). Attach the I-cord to the three loops after the marker on stitch #29. Pick up the three loops right after stitch #53, work I-cord for 20 inches and attach to the three loops after #66. Attach button at stitch #23. Pick up a loop at stitch #59 and make a 16 stitch chain. Draw the loop through stitch #61 (attaching the chain) and slip stitch your way back to the beginning of the chain. Cut the cord, weave in all ends.