

MATITA **Market Bag**



Materials:

Matita: 2 – 100g balls, shown in color 46.

Gauge: 20 sts over 4” over stockinette stitch on larger needles.

Needles: 24” circular needles, sizes US 4 and 6. One stitch marker.

Mesh Pattern:

Round 1: *(YO, k2tog); repeat from * around.

Round 2: Knit.

Base:

With smaller needles, loosely cast on 40 sts. Work back and forth in st st for 27 rows (about 4”), ending with a RS row.

Body:

With RS facing you, pick up and knit 28 sts along left (short) edge of the rectangle, 40 sts along bottom (long) edge of rectangle, and 28 sts along right (short) edge of the rectangle.

You also have 40 sts already on the needle from the other long edge of the rectangle (136 sts).

Place marker, and join to work in the round.

Change to larger needle and knit 3 rounds.

Beginning with the next round, work in Mesh Pattern for 60 rounds (30 repeats), ending with Round 2. Knit 2 more rounds, before beginning to work in ribbing.

Next Round (switch to smaller needles): *(K1, p1); repeat from * around.

Work 6 more rounds in ribbing as established (about 1”).

Abbreviations: K = knit, p = purl, st(s) = stitch(es), k2tog = knit 2 sts together, yo = yarn over.

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Handle:

Work 10 sts in ribbing as established to move the beginning of the round to realign it with the base.

Bind off 43 sts loosely in ribbing, work 25 sts in ribbing as established and place these sts on a stitch holder, bind off 43 more sts loosely in ribbing, and work the last 25 more sts in ribbing as established.

Work back and forth on the 25 sts on the needle, continuing in ribbing, until handle is about 25” long, or desired length.

Align the 25 handle sts with the 25 sts from the stitch holder, and using the 3-Needle Bind Off technique, bind off all sts to inside of bag.

Weave in all ends.

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