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Simple Hemp Tote



- Yarn:** Hemp for Knitting Allhemp6LUX (100% Hemp);
143 yds (131 m)/100 gr
4 skeins Main Colour (58 - Roux)
1 skein Contrast Colour (54 - Caviar)
- Materials:** 5.5 mm needles - *or needles required to obtain gauge*
1 set Grayson E. Rolled Leather Handles (25")
Tapestry needle
- Gauge:** 14 sts and 26 rows/4 inches in Garter Stitch
- Finished Measurements:** 15.5" tall
13.5" wide

Note

Bag is knit flat with yarn held double.

TOTE

Cast on 34 sts with Main Colour (MC) held double.

Begin increases -

Row 1: Knit all stitches

Row 2: K1, Kfb, knit to last stitch, Kfb, K1

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until there are 50 stitches on needle.

Knit straight until piece measures 12" from cast on edge.

Change to Contrast Colour (CC) and knit 6" (18" from cast on edge)

Change back to MC and knit approximately 10" (**NOTE:** Here it will be important to count the number of garter ridges from the point where you began knitting straight in the first MC section to the point where you changed to CC. Be sure to knit the same number of ridges).

Begin decreases -

Row 1: K1, SSK, knit to last stitch, K2tog, K1

Row 2: Knit all stitches

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until 34 stitches remain.

Bind off.

FINISHING:

Block with a light steam.

Fold bag in half and, beginning at bottom with CC, use mattress stitch in garter to seam until MC. Repeat for other side of bag. Re-thread tapestry needle with MC and seam to end of straight section. Increase / decrease sides remain open.

Attach handles using MC.

Happy knitting!