Ski Lodge Bag

The Ski Lodge Bag can go solo as a funky bag to take anywhere.

Intermediate

MATERIALS

2 hanks Manos del Uruguay wool (3¹/₂ oz [100g]/138 yds [126m]; 100% wool), #106 Red, ((1) medium 1 pair US 9 (5.5mm) needles or size required to achieve gauge

1 set US 9 (5.5mm) doublepointed needles

2 stitch holders

GAUGE 16 stitches and 24 rows = 4" (10cm) in stockinette stitch

NOTE Because of the distinctive tones of each skein, work 2 rows from one skein and then 2 rows from another skein to even out the dyes on the work.

Bag

Cast on 88 stitches.

Work 4 rows in stockinette stitch, increasing 14 stitches evenly across the last row—102 stitches.

Rows 5-7 *K2, p2; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 8 (WS) Knit.

Row 9 (Eyelet Row) K2, *k2tog, yfwd, k2; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 10 Knit.

Continue in ribbing for 8" (20.5cm) more, ending with WS facing for next row.

Next row (WS) Purl, decreasing 12 stitches evenly across the row—90 stitches. PM (place marker).

Work 4 rows in stockinette stitch. PM.

BOTTOM SHAPING

Row 1 (RS) K2, *k2tog, k9; repeat from * to end of row— 82 stitches.

Row 2 and all other WS rows Purl.

Row 3 K2, *k2tog, k8; repeat from * to end of row—74 stitches.

Row 5 K2, *k2tog, k7; repeat from * to end of row— 66 stitches.



Continue in this manner, decreasing 8 stitches every alternate row until there are 10 stitches remaining. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread the yarn through the remaining stitches and pull to secure. Weave in the end.

With WS facing, sew the rows together between the markers to form a rolled edge. Sew the side seam.

I-CORD STRAP

With double-pointed needles, cast on 4 stitches. *Do not turn. With RS facing, slide these 4 stitches to the other end of the needle. Pull tight and knit these 4 stitches.

Repeat from * until the cord measures 58" (147.5cm) or desired length. Bind off on RS. Thread the strap through the eyelet row and tie in a knot.

I-Cord

I-cord is easy to make. It makes great hooks and handles for anything.