

KNITTED SHOULDER BAG

Style A - Dropped Stitch

Style B - Lace

Finished measurements

Main Body circumference	81cm (32ins)
Length (strap included)	61cm (24ins)

MATERIALS

SUPER 10 COTTON (125 g)

Style A - Photographed in colour #3609, Greek Olive **2 skeins**

Style B - Photographed in colour #3331, Chestnut **2 skeins**

Two 4mm knitting needles or size required to achieve correct tension.

Size 4mm crochet hook (for edging)

For Style A only: Size 6mm circular needle, 100cm (39ins) long

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows = 10 cm(4 ins) over Garter Stitch (K every row) on 4mm needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg = begin(ning); cm = centimeters; cont = continue; dec = decrease; foll = following; inc = increase 1 st by knitting or purling into back and front of next st; in(s) = inch(es); K = knit; P = purl; patt = pattern; rem = remaining; rep = repeat; RS(F) = right side (facing); st(s) = stitch(es); tbl = through back of loop (stitch); tog = together; WS = wrong side; yo = yarn over needle to make 1 st; yrn = yarn round needle to make 1st.

STYLE A:

****First Strap:** With 4 mm needles cast on 8 sts and work for 14 cm (5½ ins) in Garter Stitch (K every row).

Next Row (RS): Inc 1, K to last 2 sts, inc 1, K1.

K5 rows.

Inc 1 st each end of needle as before on next, then every foll 6th row 3 times, then every foll 4th row 5 times, then every other row 4 times, then every row 6 times - 46 sts.

Cast on 4 sts beg next 4 rows - 62 sts.

Next Row (RS): Cast on 13 sts, K to

end of row - 75 sts.

Next Row (WS): Cast on 12 sts, there are now 87 sts on needle, break yarn, leave these sts on hold on spare needle.

Second Strap: Work as given for first strap to 62 sts on needle.

Next Row: Cast on 12 sts, K to end of row - 74 sts.

Next Row: Cast on 13 sts, K to end of row, DO NOT TURN, K across sts on spare needle - 174 sts.

K2 rows.**

Main Body: Proceed in patt as follows:

Rows 1, 2, 3 & 4: With 4 mm needles, K.

Row 5: With 6 mm needle, *K1, wrapping yarn around needle twice; rep from * to last st. K1.

Row 6: With 4 mm needle, *K1, dropping extra loop off needle; rep from * to end of row.

These 6 rows form patt.

***Cont even in patt until work from where straps were joined, measures 30cm (12 ins) ending with a 4th row of patt.

Cont with 4mm needles only.

Shape Bottom

Row 1: K2, [K2 tog, K17] 9 times, K1 - 165 sts.

Row 2 and all other alternate rows: K.

Row 3: K2, [K2 tog, K16] 9 times, K1 - 156 sts.

Row 5: K2, [K2 tog, K15] 9 times, K1 - 147 sts.

Cont to dec in this manner, with 1 st less between dec's on every dec row until 12 sts rem on needle in total.

Break yarn. Thread end through rem sts. Draw up and fasten securely.

Sew seam. Sew cast on edges of straps together.

Edging: With RSF of work and 4mm crochet hook, join yarn at seam with slip stitch.

Work 1 row single crochet along each side of strap.***

STYLE B

Work from ** to ** as given for Style A. K 3 rows.

Main Body

Proceed in patt as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, *yo, K2tog-tbl, K2; rep from * to last 3 sts, yo, K2tog-tbl, K1.

Row 2: P3, *yrn, P2 tog, P2; rep from * to last 3 sts, yrn, P2tog, P1.

Rep these 2 rows for main patt until work measures 61cm (24ins) from beg, ending with a 2nd row.

K 3 rows.

Work from *** to *** as given for Style A.