

The Esker Point Tote

by Simply Maggie

Skill Level:
Beginner

Size:
Approximately 17.5" by
18.5" (not including strap)

Materials:
4 skeins of KnitPick's CotLin
yarn in Gosling
or
492 yards (200 grams) of
DK weight yarn
Size 8 5.00mm circular
needles (Project is knit flat)
Darning needle



Pattern:

- Cast on 15 stitches
- Knit 1 row
- Purl 1 row
- Repeat rows 1 and 2 for 21.5"
- Cast on 20 stitches (35 stitches) (See photo 1 below)
- Turn work and purl all stitches
- Cast on 20 more stitches (55 stitches) (See photo 2 below)



- Attach the other end of the strap to your needles with a crochet hook by inserting the hook into each stitch at the cast on end of the strap and pulling the working yarn through each of the 15 stitches and placing it on the needle (70 stitches) (See photos 3 and 4 below)



- Cast on 20 more stitches (90 stitches) (See photo 5 above)
- Turn your work and knit all stitches
- Turn your work and purl all stitches
- Repeat knitting and purling all rows until your piece measures 34" not including the strap (end with a purl row)
- Bind off 20 stitches, knit 14 (70 stitches)
- Turn your work and purl 15 stitches
- Turn your work and knit 15 stitches
- Repeat knitting and purling those 15 stitches until the second strap measures 21.5" (while leaving the remaining 55 stitches out of the way on the needles) (See photo 6 below)
- Bind off the second strap and cut the working yarn leaving a 6" tail
- Attach the working yarn to the remaining 55 stitches and bind off all stitches placing a marker at stitch 20 and stitch 35 (See photo 7 below)



- Attach the end of the second strap to the stitches between the 2 stitch markers using a darning needle and the mattress stitch (See photo 8 below)
- Sew the sides of the bag together with the remaining yarn using the mattress stitch and a darning needle (See photo 9 below. Also see tips)
- Weave in all ends



Tips:

- Find a great tutorial for the mattress stitch at <https://www.purlsoho.com/create/mattress-stitch/>. This stitch gives your project a clean seamless finish.



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