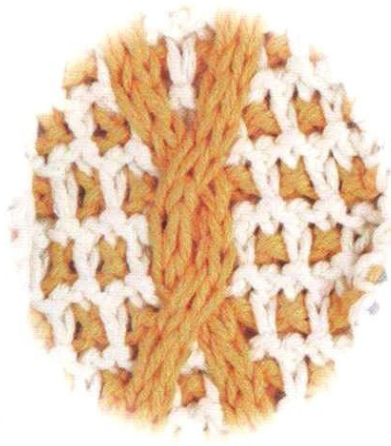




Rainbow Tote

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Carry your latest knitting project in this colorful tote knit in strips.



Experience Level

Intermediate***

Finished Size

Approximately 19 inches wide, 11 inches high, 2¾ inches deep

Materials

- Brown Sheep Co. Cotton Fleece 80 percent pima cotton/20 percent merino wool worsted weight yarn (215 yds/100g per skein): 3 skeins putty #CW 105 (MC), 1 skein each goldenrod #CW 340 (A), wild orange #CW 310 (B), barn red #CW 201 (C), new age teal #CW 400 (D)
- Size 6 (4mm) straight and double-pointed needles or size needed to obtain gauge
- Size C/2 (2.75mm) crochet hook
- Cable needle
- 1 (1½-inch or larger) button

Gauge

17 st patt strip = 2¾ inches wide
32 row patt rep = 3 inches long
To save time, take time to check gauge.

Pattern Notes

Each 2-color strip is worked separately, then assembled using single crochet to form body of bag, closure and shoulder strap.

Sl all sts as if to purl with yarn in back on RS rows and in front on WS rows.

Special Abbreviations

Cable 3 front (c3f): Sl 2 sts to cn, hold in front, k1, k2 from cn.

Cable 3 back (c3b): Sl 1 st to cn, hold in back, k2, k1 from cn.

Cable 5 back (c5b): Sl 3 sts to cn, hold in back, k2, pass cn bet ndls to front of work, sl 3rd st (MC) on cn back to left ndl, transfer this st, unworked, to RH ndl, k2 from cn. (This keeps central MC st bet 2 crossed arms of cable.)

Pattern Strips

With MC and A, make 2 strips as follows:

With A, CO 17 sts and knit 1 row.

Row 1 (RS): With MC, k4, sl 2, k5, sl2, k4.

Row 2: With MC, k4, sl 2, k5, sl 2, k4.

Row 3: With A, [k1, sl 1]

twice, c3f, sl1, k1, sl1, c3b, [sl 1, k1] twice.

Row 4: With A, [k1, sl 1] twice, k1, p2, sl 1, k1, sl 1, p2, [k1, sl 1] twice, k1.

Rows 5 and 6: With MC, k5, sl2, k3, sl2, k5.

Row 7: With A k1, [k1, sl 1] twice, c3f, sl 1, c3b, [sl 1, k1] twice, k1.

Row 8: With A, k2, [sl 1, k1] twice, p2, sl 1, p2, [k1, sl 1] twice, k2.

Rows 9 and 10: With MC k6, sl2, k1, sl2, k6.

Row 11: With A, [k1, sl 1] 3 times, c5b, [sl 1, k1] 3 times.

Row 12: With A, [k1 sl 1] 3 times, p2, sl 1, p2, [sl 1, k1] 3 times.

Rows 13 and 14: Rep Rows 9 and 10.

Row 15: With A, k2, [sl 1, k1] twice, k2, sl 1, k2, [k1, sl 1] twice, k2.

Row 16: With A, k2, [sl 1, k1] twice, p2, sl 1, p2, [k1, sl 1] twice, k2.

Rows 17 and 18: Rep Rows 9 and 10.

Rows 19 and 20: Rep Rows 11 and 12.

Rows 21 and 22: Rep Rows 9 and 10.

Row 23: With A, k1, [k1, sl 1] twice, c3b, sl 1, c3f, [sl 1, k1] twice, k1.

Row 24: With A, k1, [k1, sl 1] twice, p2, k1, sl 1, k1, p2,

[sl 1, k1] twice, k1.

Rows 25 and 26: Rep Rows 5 and 6.

Row 27: With A, [k1, sl 1] twice, c3b, sl 1, k1, sl 1, c3f, [sl 1, k1] twice.

Row 28: With A, [k1, sl 1] twice, p2, [k1, sl 1] twice, k1, p2, [sl 1, k1] twice.

Rows 29 and 30: Rep Rows 1 and 2.

Row 31: With A, k2, sl 1, k3, [sl 1, k1] twice, sl 1, k3, sl 1, k2.

Row 32: With A, k2, sl 1, k1, p2, [sl 1, k1] twice, sl 1, p2, k1, sl 1, k2.

[Rep Rows 1–32] 7 times more. With RS facing and A, BO all sts.

Make 2 strips each in same way, using MC and B and MC and C.

Center strip and flap

With MC and D, work [Rows 1–32] 9 times, then work [Rows 1–8] once more. Leave sts on ndl.

Make Loop

With A and RS facing, BO 6 sts, k1, k2tog, k7. Turn and BO 6 sts. Transfer rem 4 sts to dpn. Work I-Cord as follows: *K4, do not turn, sl sts to other end of ndl, bring yarn across back and rep from * until cord meas 3 inches.

BO 4 sts, fold I-Cord in half to form loop and sew to WS of flap.

Sides and Shoulder Strap

With MC and D, work [Rows 1–32] 16 times. BO all sts.

Finishing

Referring to Fig. 1, hold 1 A strip and 1 B strip with WS tog, using MC and crochet hook, join by working 1 sc bet each garter ridge of patt st. Join 1 C strip to other side of B strip in same way. Join central D strip to C strip, leaving extra $1\frac{1}{2}$ reps free at back edge of bag. Continue in this manner, adding 2nd C, B and A strips

to those already assembled.

Center each end of long D strip at middle of A strip on each side of bag. Fold bag up on each side of this strip, forming front, back and bottom of bag. Crochet along each of these edges as for joining of strips, forming sides of bag.

With RS of front facing, using MC, pick up and k 112 sts [16 sts in each section] along top edge. Turn and knit 2 rows. Work 3 more rows in St st. BO in knit with RS facing. Fold facing to inside of bag and sew in place.

With RS of back edge of bag facing, pick up and k 48 sts along top edges of 3 strips on 1 side of center flap. Work facing as for front. Rep on other side of center flap.

With MC work 1 row of sc along each side edge of shoulder strap, and each side of front flap. Sew on button. ❖

