



DAHLIA DRAWSTRING BAGS

Knitting Pattern by Woolbird | No.27

SUPPLIES, TERMS + NOTES

Make 1, 2 or 3! A drawstring project bag is perfect for supplies, extra yarn, a work in progress – or gift to a Maker friend. Use the same color for all the parts, or use accent colors for the drawstring and embroidery.

SUPPLIES

Yarn needed for 3 bags as pictured:

3 skeins of Lion Brand Wool-Ease yarn in colors 'Arrowood', 'Natural Heather', and 'Blush Heather'. (3oz, 85g, 197yd/180m ball), or similar worsted weight yarn.
(65g/150yds/138m for 1 bag)

5.0mm 16" (40 cm) circular needles
Two 2.75-3.5mm double pointed needles

Tools: 3 stitch markers, Scissors, Yarn needle,
Measuring tape, Safety pin

KEY TERMS

K: knit
CO: cast-on
YO: yarn over
K2tog: Knit 2 together
BO: bind-off
St(s): stitch(es)
Rnd: round
BOR: beginning of round
EOR: end of round
(): a number of sts, rows or rnds
[]: total st count at EOR
DPN: double pointed needle

GAUGE

Worked in the round & wet blocked
Stockinette: 18 sts x 24 rows = 4x4" (10 cm)

Final Project size: 10x10" (25x25 cm)

Create a gauge swatch to create the right size of project. If gauge is off, choose a needle size larger/smaller accordingly and try again.



PATTERN NOTES

This pattern requires a working knowledge of knitting in the round, casting on and binding off. Experience with I-Cord will be helpful.

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INSTRUCTIONS

The following 2 pages of instructions create 1 bag. Repeat instructions for each additional bag. Change colors for each bag, drawstring, and embroidery component as desired.

CAST-ON

With 5.0mm 16" (40 cm) circular needles, long-tail CO 80 sts. Join in the round, place a BOR marker.

FOLDED EDGE

- 1-5. K to EOR. [80]
6. *YO, K2tog, K 38 sts, Rep from * once more.
7. K 80 sts to EOR.
8. Fold cast on edge inward so the knit sts are facing out. Pick up first loop from cast on edge and place it on the left needle. Knit this cast on loop with the st that was already on the needle as if knitting 2 together (K2tog). Rep *PU Loop, K2tog* to EOR. You have now brought the cast on edge inward to create a folded and hollow edge for the drawstring I-Cord.

BODY

1. K 80 sts to EOR.
Rep rnd 1 until work is 11" [26.5 cm] tall. BO.

With a new length of yarn and yarn needle, sew the cast on edge closed with any seaming method i.e mattress stitch, whip stitch, etc. If using the whip stitch, turn work inside-out (purl side) before sewing. Turn inside-out to if not already. Weave in end and trim excess.

I-CORD DRAWSTRINGS

You may substitute the 2 I-Cords with a simpler method i.e braid 3 strands of yarn to 20" (50cm).

Switch to two 2.75-3.5mm DPNs. Use the I-Cord method: At end of each row, slide sts to right end of DPN instead of turning the work.

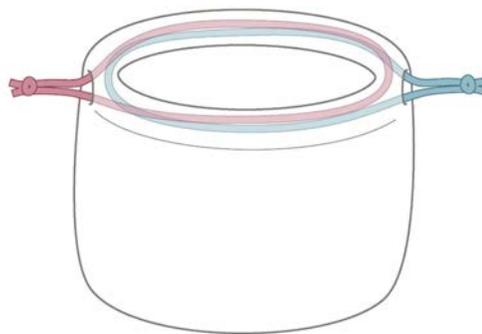
CO 2 sts.

1. K 2. Slide sts to right side of DPN, right needle becomes left needle. Do not turn.
Rep row 1 until I-Cord drawstring is 20" [50 cm] long. Pull/stretch I-Cord every few rows.

To finish I-Cord, cut yarn and with yarn needle, thread the tail through the 2 sts and pull to tighten. With yarn needle, weave in the end and cut excess. Repeat once more to make a second I-Cord.

Feed the I-Cord through the folded edge:

Attach a safety pin to one end of the I-Cord. Push the safety pin through one of the openings in the folded edge, then run the safety pin and I-Cord along the entire edge circumference, exiting the same place where you entered. Repeat to the other side of bag with other I-Cord.



Tie a knot on each side of the I-Cord drawstrings and tighten. Pull the drawstrings to test opening and closing the bag.

INSTRUCTIONS *continued*

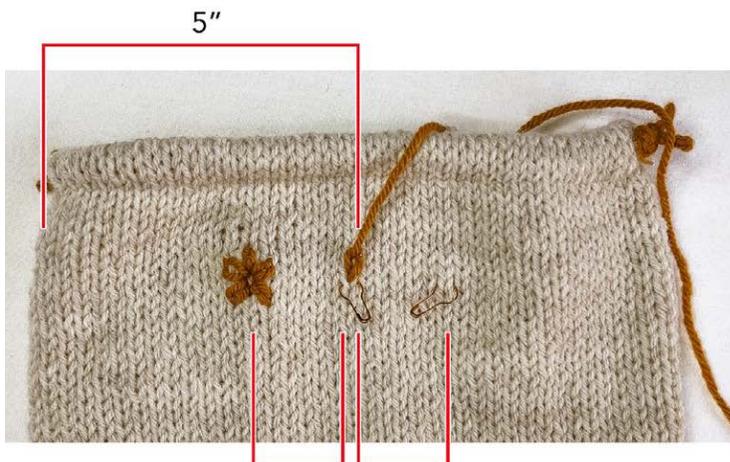
EMBROIDERY

Place 3 markers to identify the center of each daisy. Markers are placed 10 rounds below the folded edge.

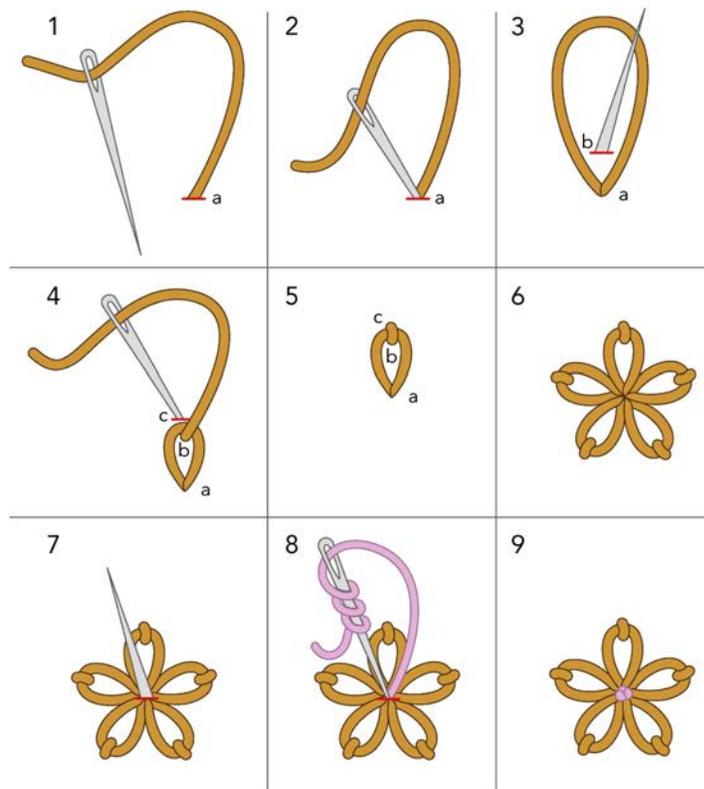
Marker 1: Center of bag (measure width and find center, approximately 5")

Marker 2: 6 stitches to the left of marker 1

Marker 3: 6 stitches to the right of marker 1



Embroider 3 Lazy Daisies along the front using a contrasting color yarn and yarn needle. Weave in the ends and cut excess. It may be helpful to practice a Lazy Daisy before beginning.



FINISHING & CARE

Use a yarn needle to weave in any remaining ends and trim excess.

Gently block using warm water. Always hand wash knitted items, avoiding scrubbing or agitating. Leave to soak and relax the fibers. Squeeze out the excess water. Take care to not to wring or twist. Lay flat on a towel and roll the towel up to remove more water. Lay flat to air dry, straightening and smoothing out to the listed measurements.

Enjoy!

