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CROSS BODY BAG

Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE



SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- LION BRAND® LOCAL GROWN COTTON (Art. #667)
- #174 Army Green 1 ball
- LION BRAND® stitch markers
- LION BRAND® stitch holders
- LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle
- Double pointed knitting needles size 6 (4 mm), set of 4

SIZING:

About 4 x 6 1/2 in. (10 x 16.5 cm), not including strap

GAUGE:

20 sts + 18 rnds = about 4 in. (10 cm) over pattern in Rnds 1 and 2.

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

ABBREVIATIONS:

beg = begin(ning)
k = knit
p = purl
rem = remain(ing)(s)
rep = repeat
rnd(s) = round(s)
sl = slip
st(s) = stitch(es)
wyib = with yarn in back

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NOTES:

1. Bag is worked in rnds from the base upwards.
2. With yarn in back (wyib) refers to the side of the work that is away from you as you work the row. To move yarn from front to back or back to front, bring yarn between needles. Take care not to wrap yarn over a needle, this could create an additional st.
3. Straps are worked directly onto top edge of Bag, then ends of Straps are sewn together to make a single Strap.
4. Button is made from a length of knitted cord.

BAG

Cast on 3 sts.

With double pointed needles, cast on 66 sts.

Divide sts evenly onto needles, placing 22 sts on each of 3 needles.

Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on left needle with the working yarn from the right needle and being careful not to twist sts.

Rnd 1: (P28, sl 5 wyib) twice.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until piece measures about 4 in. (10 cm) from beg, end with a Rnd 1 as the last rnd you work.

Next Rnd: K1, bind off first 26 sts for front edge, k7 and place these 7 sts on a holder for strap, k26 for flap, place rem 7 sts on a holder for second strap - you will have 26 sts rem on needle for flap.

Back Flap

Working over 26 flap sts only, knit 24 rows.

Next row (Buttonhole Row): K1, k2tog, k10, yarn over, k2tog, k11 - 25 sts.

Decrease Row: K1, k2tog, k to end of row - 24 sts.

Rep Decrease Row until only 16 sts rem.

Bind off.

STRAP HALF (make 2)

Cast 7 sts onto one double pointed needle, with another doubled pointed needle, knit one set of 7 strap sts from holder.

Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working

the first st on left needle with the working yarn from the right needle and being careful not to twist sts.

Rnd 1: (Sl 1 wyib, k5, sl 1 wyib) twice.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until piece measures about 23 in. (58.5 cm) from beg.

Bind off. Sew 7 cast-on sts of Strap to inside top edge of Bag.

Rep over 2nd set of 7 strap sts to make second Strap Half.

Sew ends of Straps together, leaving bind-off edges on outside for decorative effect.

BUTTON

Working with 2 double pointed needles, cast on 3 sts. Knit the 3 sts. Do not turn work.

* Slide sts to other end of needle and knit them, pulling yarn tightly across the back of the work, (do not turn work); rep from * until piece measures about 3 1/2 in. (9 cm) long. Bind off.

Knot the piece at center.

FINISHING

Flatten cast-on edge of Bag so that straps are at sides of Bag. Sew cast-on edges together for bottom of Bag.

Fold ends of Button behind knot, then sew Button to front of Bag, opposite buttonhole. Weave in ends.