



Cute and Quick Colorwork Heart Drawstring Bag

A Free Pattern from LydiaF of [Life Beyond the Kitchen](#)

This little drawstring bag is just the ticket to hold small items like earplugs. It was so much fun to make I worked a second one to hold my loose change!

Beginning knitters will improve their skills by knitting in the round on double pointed needles to create a top down pouch. Stranded colorwork techniques are used to create the heart pattern.

More advanced knitters will find this a quick and easy project and perhaps substitute their own motif for the hearts.

These cute little bags are just the thing for gift giving...or for stashing your own treasures.

Materials

- Sport weight, Aran or DK weight yarn, two colors. The dominant (main) color is abbreviated MC and the contrasting color is CC.
- Size 4mm DPN needles or a long cabled needle for magic loop
- Stitch marker(s)

Skills and Stitches Needed

- Cast on (CO), Knit (K) and Purl (P) in the round
- Yarn Over (YO)
- Slip, knit, pass (SKP) Slip a stitch purl wise, knit the next stitch then pass the slipped stitch over the stitch you've just knit
- Knit 2 together (K2Tog)
- Chart reading: To work a chart in the round begin at the bottom right corner and work your way across.

Let's Get Started!

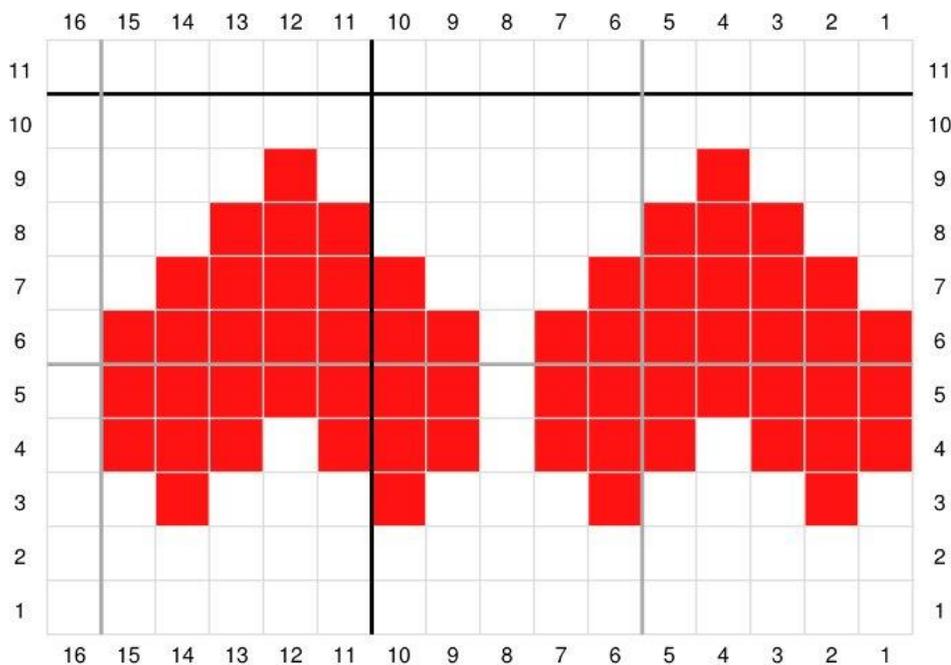
CO 48 stitches with MC and distribute over 3 needles (16 stitches on each)

Join to work in the round and use a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

TIP: If using magic loop, use additional stitch markers for each 16 stitch section.

- Round 1 Knit around in MC
- Round 2 Purl around in MC
- Round 3 Knit around in MC
- Round 4 Purl around in CC
- Round 5 *YO, SKP* around in CC (this will make the eyelets for the drawstring)
- Round 6 Purl around in CC; take care not to miss the YOs from the last round.
Check your stitch count...there should be 48.
- Rounds 7 and 8 Knit around in MC

Begin Working Chart:



All knit stitches

Designed at www.stitchfiddle.com

This chart only shows the repeat of 16 stitches. You will need to repeat the pattern for each set of stitches. If you haven't already done so, arrange the stitches so each needle contains a set of 16 and it will make life much easier for you.

You will carry the color you're not using along the back (or inside since we're knitting in the round) as you knit. Take care not to pull the yarn too tightly. [See this video for an explanation of how to hold the two yarns](#) (I hold one in each hand...the continental style isn't my favorite, but I can manage).

[See this video for an explanation of how to secure the "floats."](#) It seems awkward at first, but reduces the chance the contents of the pouches will get snagged on the work.

Written Directions for Chart:

- Rounds 9 and 10 Knit around in CC
- Round 11 For each set of 16 stitches: Knit 1CC, [1MC,3CC]x3, 1MC, 2CC
- Round 12 [3MC, 1CC]x4
- Round 13 [7MC, 1CC]x2
- Round 14 [7MC, 1CC]x2
- Round 15 1CC, 5MC, 3CC, 5MC, 2CC
- Round 16 2CC, 3MC, 5CC, 3MC, 3CC
- Round 17 3CC, 1MC, 7CC, 1MC, 4CC
- Rounds 18 and 19 Knit in CC (You're finished with the CC at this point, cut and leave a long tail for weaving in).
- Round 20 Purl in MC (Use the MC for the rest of the project)
- Rounds 21 and 22 Knit

Begin Decreases

- Round 23 K6, K2Tog around
- Round 24 K5, K2Tog around
- Round 25 K4, K2Tog around
- Round 26 K3, K2Tog around
- Round 27 K2, K2Tog around
- Round 28 K1, K2Tog around

Cut thread, leaving a long tail. Thread through the stitches on the needles. Pull tight to close the hole and weave in all the ends.

Make an I-Cord, crochet a chain or use a ribbon to make a drawstring. Weave through the eyelets on the top.

Please leave me a comment on [this post at Life Beyond the Kitchen](#) if you have any problems with the pattern and I'll correct or clarify as needed ☺

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