Nifty Cotton
Little Green Bag
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Skill Level:
INTERMEDIATE

Category: Knitted Other / Misc. Patterns

Size:
Approx. 13" tall x 24" circumference (unstretched)

Materials:
- Cascade Yarns® Nifty Cotton
  100% Cotton
- 100 g (3.5 oz) /
  185 yd (169.5 m)
- 1 skein of color #11 (Lime)
- US 9 (5.5 mm) /
  24” circular knitting needle or size needed to obtain gauge
- US 10.5 (6.5 mm) /
  16” and DPN knitting needles
- Stitch marker
- Stitch holder or waste yarn
- Yarn needle
- 1½ yd cord for handles
Gauge:
18 sts x 24 rows = 4” (10 cm) in Stockinette stitch on smaller needles

Abbreviations:
BO = Bind Off
CO = Cast On
K = Knit
K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together
P = Purl
PM = Place Marker
Rnd(s) = Round(s)
RS = Right Side
Sl = Slip
SSK = Slip 1 stitch, slip 1 stitch, knit 2 slipped stitches together (1 st decrease)
St(s) = Stitch(es)
WS = Wrong Side
YO = Yarn over

Note: The sample bag used the entire skein of Nifty Cotton. Each row on the handles begins with a slip st to ensure a neat edge. On RS, slip as to knit with yarn in back. On WS, slip as to purl with yarn in front.

Bag bottom shaping:
Using larger DPN needles, CO 9 sts and divide on 3 DPN knitting needles. PM. Being careful not to twist your sts, join in the rnd. Knit 1 rnd.

Note: Any hole at the start will be closed during finishing.

Rnd 1: *[YO, K1]; repeat from * to end of rnd. (18 sts)
Rnd 2: K all sts.
Rnd 3: *[YO, K2tog]; repeat from * to end of rnd (18 sts)
Rnd 4: K all sts.
Rnd 5: *[YO, K1]; repeat from * to end of rnd. (36 sts)
Rnd 6: K all sts.
Rnd 7: *[YO, K2tog]; repeat from * to end of rnd. (36 sts)
Rnd 8: K all sts.
Rnd 9: *[YO, K2tog]; repeat from * to end of rnd. (36 sts)
Rnd 10: K all sts.
Rnd 11: *[YO, K1]; repeat from * to end of rnd. (72 sts)
Rnd 12: K all sts.
Change to larger circular needle and PM at beginning of rnd.
Rnd 13: *[YO, K2tog]; repeat from * to end of rnd. (72 sts)
Rnd 14: K all sts.
Rnd 15: *[YO, K2tog]; repeat from * to end of rnd. (72 sts)
Rnd 16: K all sts.
Rnd 17: *[YO, K2tog]; repeat from * to end of rnd. (72 sts)
Rnd 18: K all sts.
Rnd 19: *[YO, K2tog]; repeat from * to end of rnd. (72 sts)
Rnd 20: K all sts.
Rnd 21: *[YO, K2tog]; repeat from * to end of rnd. (72 sts)
Rnd 22: K all sts.
Rnd 23: *[YO, K2tog]; repeat from * to end of rnd. (72 sts)
Rnd 24: K all sts.
Rnd 25: *[YO, K1, YO, K1, YO, K2tog]; repeat from * to end of rnd. (108 sts)
Rnd 26: K all sts.

Bag Body:
Rnd 1: *[YO, K2tog]; repeat from * to end of rnd. (108 sts)
Rnd 2: K all sts.
Repeat last 2 rnds 10 times.
Change to smaller circular needle and knit every rnd for 9 more rnds.
End last rnd 2 sts before marker.

Divide for handles:
BO 4 (removing marker at end of rnd), K49, BO4, K49 (50 sts remain for each handle).
Turn work.

Note: The rest of the bag will be knit back and forth in rows.
Sl1 (see Note at beginning of the pattern), P49 for 1st handle.
Place remaining 50 sts on holder or waste yarn for 2nd handle.

Decrease handle:
Row 1 (RS): Sl1, K22, K2tog, SSK, K23. (48 sts)
Row 2 (WS): Sl 1, P all sts.
Row 3 (RS): Sl1, K21, K2tog, SSK, K22. (46 sts)
Row 4 (WS): Sl 1, P all sts.
Row 5 (RS): Sl1, K11, SSK, K7, K2tog, SSK, K7, K2tog, K12. (42 sts)
Row 6 (WS): Sl 1, P all sts.
Row 7 (RS): Sl1, K5, SSK, K4, SSK, K5, K2tog, SSK, K5, K2tog, K4, K2tog, K6. (36 sts)
Row 8 (WS): Sl 1, P all sts.
Row 10 (WS): Sl 1, P all sts.
Row 11 (RS): Sl1, K5, SSK, K2, SSK, K1, K2tog, SSK, K1, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K6. (24 sts)
Continue working even in Stockinette st for 9 more rows.
BO all sts knitwise. Secure last st and cut yarn leaving 12" tail for finishing.
Place 50 sts on hold onto smaller needle.
Attach yarn ready for a WS row and Sl 1, P49.
Complete decreases for 2nd handle as above.

**Finishing:**
Fold top 1¼" of handle to inside.
Thread BO tail onto tapestry needle and sew BO edge to handle forming a casing for the cord. Secure tail on WS.
Be careful that sts do not show on RS of handle.
Repeat for 2nd handle.
Thread CO tail onto tapestry needle and run through CO sts.
Draw up to close bottom of bag and secure tail on WS.
Weave in remaining ends and block if desired.
Cut two 27" lengths of cord.
Knot each end of each of the cords to keep cord from fraying.
Thread 1 cord through each casing and knot securely to form handle.
Trim ends if necessary to tidy knot.