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This sweet little evening bag is Mary Keenan's first pattern for KnitNet. Worked in 100 per cent mercerized cotton crochet thread, it's shown in tan, suitable for spring and summer. Work it in black for a smart winter evening bag.

Skill Level

Recommended for intermediate knitters.

Finished size

Inches	Length	Width
Main Piece	15	5 1/2
Side Panels and Strap	18	3

Centimetres	Length	Width
Main Piece	38	14
Side Panels and Strap	46	7.5

Materials and tools

- 2 balls Royale Fashion Crochet Thread #3 (100% mercerized cotton each approx 150 yds/ 137m) in colour #377 Tan
- One pair 2.75 mm (US 2) needles or needles required to obtain gauge given below
- Cable needle
- Stitch holder
- Tapestry needle
- 1/2 yd/ .5m lining fabric (optional)
- Thread to match bag (if lining is to be used)
- Sewing needle (if lining is to be used)

Gauge

21sts and 28 rows = 4ins/ 10 cm over St st with yarn held double

Abbreviations for this project

Kf&b: knit into front of next stitch, but do not discard, then knit into the back of the same stitch, and discard from left needle.

T2B: sl next st to cn and hold to back of work, k1 from left-hand needle, p1 from cn.

T2F: sl next st to cn and hold to front of work, p1 from left-hand needle, k1 from cn.

Note

Yarn is held double throughout.

Method

Holding yarn doubled and 2.75 mm (US 2) needles, cast on 32 sts.

Rows 1 & 3 (RS): Sl1, *p1, k1; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Rows 2 & 4 (WS): Sl1, *k1, p1; repeat from * to last st, p1.

Row 5: Sl1, knit.

Row 6: Sl1, purl.

Repeat Rows 5 and 6 twelve times more.

Row 31 (RS): Purl.

Row 32: Sl1, purl.

Row 33: Sl1, knit.

Repeat rows 32 and 33 nine times more, then repeat

Row 32 once again.

Row 53 (RS): Purl.

Row 54: Sl1, purl.

Row 55: Sl1, knit.

Repeat rows 54 and 55 thirteen times more, then repeat Row 54 once more.

Front Flap

Rows 1 & 3 (RS): Sl1, k12, p2, k2, p2, k13.

Rows 2 & 4, (WS): Sl1, p12, k2, p2, k2, p13.

Row 5 (RS): Sl1, k12, p1, T2B, T2F, p1, k13.

Rows 6, 8 & 10 (WS): Sl1, p12, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p13.

Rows 7 & 9 (RS): Sl1, k12, p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, k13.

Row 11 (RS): Sl1, k12, p1, T2F, T2B, p1, k13.

Row 12 (WS): Sl1, p12, k2, p2, k2, p13.

Repeat Rows 1-12 again, then work Rows 1-8 once more.

Row 33 (RS): Sl1, [k1, p1] 5 times, (k1, p2) 3 times, [k1, p1] 5 times, k2.

Row 34 (WS): Sl1, [k1, p1] 7 times, k2, (p1, k1) 7 times, p1

Row 35: Sl1, [k1, p1] 5 times, k1, p2, T2F, T2B, p2, [k1, p1] 5 times, k2.

Row 36: Sl1, (k1, p1) 6 times, k2, p2, k2, (p1, k1) 6 times, p1.

Next (RS) row: Bind off 13 sts.

Purl next 2 sts and slip them onto stitch holder.

Bind off next 2 sts.

Purl next 2 sts.

Bind off remaining 13 sts.

Button Loop

With RS facing, and beg with a knit row, join yarn (held double) and work in St st on the 2 sts rem on the needle for 2ins/ 5cm, ending with a purl row. Cut ends, leaving a 6ins/ 15cm tail.

Graft these 2 sts to the 2 sts on the stitch holder.

Use the tail to stitch the grafted area flat to match the rest of the button loop, and work in the ends through the underside of the decorative border.

Side Panel

Holding yarn double and 2.75 mm/ US 2 needles, cast on 18 sts.

Rows 1 & 3 (RS): Sl1, k5, p2, k2, p2, k6.

Rows 2 & 4 (WS): Sl1, p5, k2, p2, k2, p6.

Row 5 (RS): Sl1, k5, p1, T2B, T2F, p1, k6.

Row 6 (WS): Sl1, p5, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p6.

Rows 7 & 9 (RS): Sl1, k5, p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, k6.

Rows 8 & 10: Sl1, p5, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p6.

Row 11 (RS): Sl1, k5, p1, T2F, T2B, p1, k6.

Row 12 (WS): Sl1, p5, k2, p2, k2, p6.

Repeat Rows 1-12, then work Rows 1-4 once more.

Transition to Strap

With RS facing, bind off 5 sts, k1, p1, T2B, T2F, p1, k6 – 13 sts rem.

Next row: Bind off 5 sts, p1, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p1 – 8 sts rem.

Next row (RS): Sl1, kf&b, k1, p2, k1, kf&b, k1 – 10 sts.

Next row (WS): Sl1, kf&b, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, kf&b, p1 – 12 sts.

Next row: Sl1, k2, kf&b, k1, p2, k1, kf&b, k3 – 14 sts.

Next row: Sl1, p3, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p4.

Next row: Sl1, k3, p1, T2F, T2B, p1, k4.

Next row: Sl1, p3, k2, p2, k2, p4.

Strap

Rows 1 & 3 (RS): Sl1, k3, p2, k2, p2, k4.

Rows 2 & 4 (WS): Sl1, p3, k2, p2, k2, p4.

Row 5: Sl1, k3, p1, T2B, T2F, p1, k4.

Rows 6, 8 & 10: Sl1, p3, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p4.

Rows 7 & 9: Sl1, k3, p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, k4.

Row 11: Sl1, k3, p1, T2F, T2B, p1, k4.

Row 12: Sl1, p3, k1, p2, k2, p2, p4.

Repeat Rows 1-12 three times more, then work Rows 1-6 once more.

Transition to Side Panel

Next row (RS): Sl1, k2tog, k1, p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, k1, k2tog, k1 – 12 sts rem.

Next row (WS): Sl1, p2tog, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p2tog, p1 – 10 sts rem.

Next row (RS): Sl1, p2tog, k1, p2, k1, p2tog, k1 – 8 sts rem.

Next row (WS): Cast on 5 sts onto left needle and then work all sts as sl1, p5, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p1 – 13 sts.

Next row (RS): Cast on 5 sts onto left needle and then work all sts as sl1, k5, p1, T2F, T2B, p1, k6 – 18 sts.

Next row (WS): Sl1, p5, k2, p2, k2 p6.

Side Panel

Rows 1 & 3 (RS): Sl1, k5, p2, k2, p2, k6.

Rows 2 & 4 (WS): Sl1, p5, k2, p2, k2, p6.

Row 5: Sl1, k5, p1, T2B, T2F, p1, k6.

Rows 6, 8 & 10 (WS): Sl1, p5, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p6.

Rows 7 & 9 (RS): Sl1, k5, p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, k6.

Row 11: Sl1, k5, p1, T2F, T2B, p1, k6.

Row 12 (WS): Sl1, p5, k2, p2, k2, p6.

Repeat Rows 1-12 again, then work rows 1-4 once more.

Bind off all sts.

Finishing

Block pieces.

Using a single strand of yarn, whipstitch the sides of the bag's strap together on the underside so that the cable shows on top as the bag's 'chain'.

Folding main body of bag along purl ridges, attach the side panels to the main body along the sides and bottom edges.

Toggle

Because the front of the bag has been worked 'upside down', there will appear to be 29 sts across, plus half a stitch at each end. Using the yarn held double as before, thread it through the 15th st from either end, three rows up from the bottom ridge.

Use this yarn to cast on 3 sts

Row 1: Using both the tail and the working yarn, K3.

Row 2: P3.

Row 3: (K1, yo) twice, k1 – 5 sts.

Row 4: P5.

Row 5: (K1, yo) 4 times, k1 – 9 sts.

Row 6: P9.

Row 7: K2tog twice, k1, k2tog twice – 5 sts.

Row 8: P5.

Row 9: K2tog, k1, k2tog – 3 sts.

Row 10: P3.

Row 11: *Using right needle, reach down and pick up P nub from the wrong side of Row 2, then slip it onto the left needle; work this st together with the next st on the needle; repeat from * to end of row.

Bind off all sts knitwise.

Cut a tail 12ins/ 31cm long, and wrap it several times around the original join on the bag. Using a darning needle, thread both ends repeatedly through the inside of the toggle to work them in while adding bulk. Trim close.

Lining

Lining is optional but it is helpful in retaining the bag's shape.

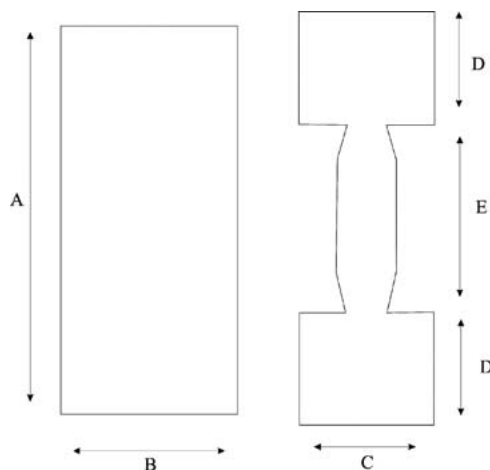
In a complementary fabric, cut one rectangle 12ins/ 31cm long and 7ins/ 18cm wide, then two more each 4 1/2ins/ 11.5cm long and 4ins/ 10cm wide.

With wrong sides of lining facing, stitch side panels to longer piece with a 1/8ins/ 3mm selvedge.

Turn inside out so that right sides are facing, and stitch the panels with a 1/4ins/ 6mm selvedge.

Handstitch lining into bag, with wrong sides together, taking care not to run thread to the outside of the bag where it will show.

Kathleen Evening Bag Schematics



Inches	
A	15
B	5.5
C	3
D	4
E	10

Centimetres	
A	38
B	14
C	7.5
D	10
E	25.5

for a full explanation of the abbreviations go to <http://www.knitnet.com/abbreviations>

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