

Statement Bag in Intarsia

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Materials:

Worsted weight yarn, 220 yards per skein

1 skein plus a small amount in Main Color

small amount in Contrasting Color

sample completed with 1 skein Fingerlakes Yarns, 100% natural fiber, 4 oz./220 yds (discontinued)

US 9 (5.5 mm) needles, straight or circular

2 double pointed needles, US 9 (5.5 mm)

Tapestry needle

2 stitch markers

Stitch holders or long circular needle (at least one size smaller than US 9)

Finished size: 15½" x 14" approximately

Gauge: 18 sts = 4" blocked. Gauge is not critical for this project.

Abbreviations

BO	Bind off.
K	Knit
P	Purl
st(s)	Stitches
st st	Stockinette stitch
dpn	double-pointed needle



Notes:

- Work 2 sts in st st before and after the graph.
- A blank grid is on the last page for you to create your own statement.
- The number of stitches to cast on can be modified to accommodate your statement.
- When doing the i-cord bind off, consider moving a number of sts from the stitch holder to the dpn.

Provisionally cast on 66 sts.

Rows 1 - 12: Beginning with a knit row, work in stockinette st in MC

Continue working in stockinette st and knit the graph of your choice.

When complete, work 12 more rows in st st.

Do not cut yarn. Do not bind off.

Place on stitch holders or circular needle.

Back:

Pick up sts from provisional cast-on. Mark beginning and ending of row.

Be sure to pick up the half stitch at the beginning of the cast on.

Work 12 rows in st st, beginning with a knit row.

Continue working in st st and knit the graph.

When complete, work 12 more rows in st st.

Do not bind off.

Block.



Using the mattress stitch, seam both sides.

I-cord bind off

Note: The 2 sts on either side of each seam have to be eliminated so that the top edge is even. That is why you will see the direction to “K2tog.”

Using dpns, k2tog; place the remaining st back to the left needle.

Using cable cast-on, cast on 3 sts.

*K2, k the next st and the first st on stitch holder *in the back loops*.

Transfer the 3 sts to stitch holder.*

Repeat between * * until last 2 sts of the side remain. K2, k3tog through the back loops.

Continuing on the second side, k2, k3tog; transfer the stitches to the left needle. Continue working between * * until last 2 sts remain. K2, k3tog through back loops.

BO.

Seam ends together.

I-cord handles

Pick up and k 4 sts in the following i-cord bindoff: Beginning with the 14th st from right side, pick up in the middle st of i-cord; in the next st pick up in the back loop, then in the front loop; in the next st, pick up in the middle st.

Knit the i-cord until it is about 22" slightly stretched (or desired length) from beginning. BO by K1, k2 tog, k1.

Sew to the corresponding sts on the other side securely.

Turning bag to opposite side, repeat for second handle.

Weave in all ends.

















