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Subtle differences distinguish these festive carryalls. The multicolored version features a stockinette body and a garter-stitch handle; stitches are reversed on the solid bag.

#### 3-NEEDLE BIND-OFF

- Hold right sides of pieces together on two needles. Insert third needle knitwise into first st of each needle, and wrap yarn knitwise.
- Knit these two sts together, and slip them off the needles. \*Knit the next two sts together in the same manner.
- Slip first st on 3rd needle over 2nd st and off needle. Rep from \* in step 2 across row until all sts are bound off.

#### STOCKINETTE BAG

#### **BASE PANEL**

Cast on 30 sts. Do not join. Work in garter stitch (k every row) for 14 rows.

## Beg body

With working yarn, pick up and k 10 sts along side edge, pick up and k 30 sts along cast-on edge, pick up and k 10 sts along side edge, pm for beg of rnd—80 sts.

**Next rnd** K15, pm, k40, pm, k to end of rnd. Cont in St st (k every rnd) slipping markers every rnd until piece measures 10"/25.5cm.

# Beg strap

**Note** Strap is continued from body of bag and worked back and forth on half of the sts, keeping rem sts on hold.

**Next rnd** Remove marker for beg of rnd; k to next marker, sl marker, k2tog, k to 2 sts before next marker, k2tog, and remove marker.

Leaving next 40 sts on hold, turn work, k2tog, k to 2 sts before next marker, k2tog, turn. Cont to work in garter st (k every row) working k2tog at each end every row until 8 sts rem. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail and place sts on holder. Rejoin yarn to sts on hold ready for a WS row.

**Next row** K2tog, k to 2 sts before end of row, k2tog. Rep this row until 8 sts rem. Cont even in garter st for 18"/45.5cm. Join ends of strap using 3-needle bind-off.

## **FINISHING**

#### Line bag

Lay bag flat. Fold fabric in half and place over bag

so that fold is at bottom of bag. Trim so that fabric is  $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.5cm wider than body of bag. Fold top edge of fabric to WS and press.

With RS tog, sew side seams. Turn inside out. Place in bag and stitch top edge of fabric to top edge of bag.

#### Line strap

Fold fabric in half and trim 1/4"/.5cm wider than strap. With RS tog, sew into tube. Turn RS out and sew to WS of strap. ♥

#### **GARTER STITCH BAG**

#### **BASE PANEL**

Cast on 30 sts. Do not join. Work in garter stitch (k every row) for 14 rows.

### Beg body

With working yarn, pick up and k 10 sts along side edge, pick up and k 30 sts along cast-on edge, pick up and k 10 sts along side edge, pm for beg of rnd—80 sts.

**Next rnd** K15, pm, k40, pm, k to end of rnd. Cont in garter st (k 1 md, p 1 md) slipping markers every rnd until piece measures 10"/25.5cm.

#### Beg strap

**Note** Strap is continued from body of bag and worked back and forth on half of the sts, keeping rem sts on hold.

**Next rnd** Remove marker for beg of rnd; k to next marker, sl marker, k2tog, k to 2 sts before next marker, k2tog, and remove marker.

Leaving next 40 sts on hold, turn work.

Next row (WS) P2tog, p to 2 sts before next marker, p2tog, turn. Cont to work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) and dec 1 st each end every row until 8 sts rem. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail, and place sts on holder. Rejoin yarn to sts on hold ready for a RS row. Next row K2tog, k to 2 sts before end of row, k2tog. Next row P2tog, p to 2 sts before end of row, p2tog. Rep last 2 rows until 8 sts rem. Cont even in St st for 18"/45.5cm. Join ends of strap using 3-needle bind-off.

# **FINISHING**

See Stockinette Bag pattern for lining instructions. 3

#### SKILL LEVEL







#### **MATERIALS**

Shepherd Bulky by Lorna's Laces, 4oz/113g hanks, each approx 140yd/128m (superwash wool)

#### Stockinette Bag

- 2 hanks in zombie bbq (red/green/white mix)
- Garter Stitch Bag
- 2 hanks in bold red

#### Both

- One size 8 (5mm) circular needle 16"/40cm long OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- Fabric, sewing thread and needle for lining (optional)
- Stitch markers and stitch holder

## **MEASUREMENTS**

- Circumference 23"/58.5cm
- Length 101/2"/26.5cm

# **GAUGE**

14 sts and 20 rnds to 4"/10cm over St st using larger needles.

TAKE TIME TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

<sup>\*</sup>For all pattern-related inquiries please visit www.knitsimplemag.com