



MY CONSTANT COMPANION

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FINISHED SIZE

About 18" (46 cm) wide, 12" (30.5 cm) deep, and 18" (46 cm) high, before felting. About 15" (38 cm) wide, 7½" (19 cm) deep, and 10" (25.5) high, after felting. Note: This bag will shrink to about 60% of the knitted length and 80% of the knitted width.

YARN

Brown Sheep, Nature Spun Worsted (100% wool; 245 yd [224 m]/100 g): #N94 Bev's bear (MC), 6 skeins. Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Bulky (85% wool, 15% mohair; 125 yd [114 m]/113 g): #M93 dark earth (CC), 1 skein.

NEEDLES

Size 11 (8 mm): 32" (80-cm) circular (cir) and set of 2 double-pointed (dpm). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

NOTIONS

Markers (m); tapestry needle.

GAUGE

About 11 sts = 4" (10 cm) in stockinette stitch.

Base

With cir needle and 2 strands of MC held tog, CO 51 sts. Do not join. Work garter st (knit every row) for 60 rows—30 garter ridges.

Sides

Place marker (pm; use a different color for this marker), pick up and knit 28 sts along left side of base, pm, pick up and knit 51 sts along CO edge, pm, pick up and knit 28 sts along right side of base, pm, k51.

Rnd 1: Knit.

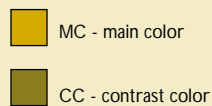
Rnd 2: [Sl 1, k26, sl 1, sl m, k51, sl m] 2 times—158 sts.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until piece measures 17" (43 cm) from pick-up rnd. (Note: The

slipped sts define the corners of the bag.)

I-cord BO: Using the backward loop method (see Glossary), CO 3 sts. *With dpm, k2, k2tog tbl (the third CO st and the first st of bag), return 3 sts to left needle, pull yarn behind these sts, and rep from * 7 more times. **Make slot for strap:** K3, sl next 2 sts pwise to right needle, pass first slipped st over second, sl a third st pwise to right needle, sl second slipped st over third. Return this st to left needle—2 sts have been bound off. Return 3 I-cord sts to left needle. Work 3 rows of I-cord on these 3 sts without binding off any body sts. Resume I-cord BO to 10 sts before m. Make a slot as before. Resume I-cord BO to m. Remove m. **Work I-cord BO for 8 sts. Make slot as before. Cont I-cord BO

To work a mosaic chart, alternate 2 rows CC with 2 rows MC as foll: Work RS rows from right to left using the color indicated by the first st. Knit the sts that are the same color as the first st and slip the other sts pwise with yarn in back. Work WS rows along same row of chart just worked, but work from left to right, using the same color just used and **purling** the knit sts of the previous row and slipping the slipped sts pwise with yarn in front.



Mosaic

