

# Knitting Needle Knitting Bag

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**Pam Allen** indulged her fondness for the berry stitch in this quick-and-easy knitting bag whose cigar shape was inspired by a bag she saw in a catalog. For the front and back, she knitted two slightly shaped rectangles and seamed them along the bottom and partway up the sides. Rather than binding off, she placed the live stitches on wooden knitting needles, squished them together to form soft gathers, and applied a little superglue. Garter-stitch handles sewn to the front and back are all that's needed to finish the bag. This particular bag isn't lined, but it would be an easy matter to use the front and back as pattern pieces and add a cheery print lining to prevent needles from poking through.

### BACK

With larger needles, CO 80 sts.

**Row 1:** (WS) K2, \*(k1, p1, k1) in next st, p3tog; rep from \* to last 2 sts, k2.

**Row 2:** Purl.

**Row 3:** K2, \*p3tog, (k1, p1, k1) in next st; rep from \* to last 2 sts, k2.

**Row 4:** Purl.

Rep Rows 1–4 until piece measures 9" (23 cm) from CO, ending with Row 4 of patt. *Dec row:* (WS) K2, \*k1, p3tog; rep from \* to last 2 sts, k2—42 sts rem. Loosely knit 1 row. With size 15 wooden needles, purl 1 row. Leave sts on needle.

### FRONT

CO 80 sts and work as for back.

### HANDLES (make 2)

With smaller needles, CO 6 sts. Work in garter st (knit every row) until piece measures 21" (53.5 cm) from CO. BO all sts.

### FINISHING

Gently steam-press pieces. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew bottom seam. Beg at bottom edge, sew side seams for 5" (12.5 cm). Spread sts evenly along wooden needle from knob end to 1½" (3.8 cm) from tip. Use superglue to secure last few sts at pointed end. Sew handles to bag 10 sts in from each end.

### FINISHED SIZE

About 18¾" (47.5 cm) wide and 9" (23 cm) tall, excluding handles.

### YARN

Chunky weight (#5 Bulky).

*Shown here:* Nashua Handknits Creative Focus Chunky (75% wool, 25% alpaca; 110 yd [101 m]/100 g): #1940 dried rose, 3 balls.

### NEEDLES

Bag—size 10½ (6.5 mm).

Handles—size 9 (5.5 mm). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

### NOTIONS

Tapestry needle; size 15 (10 mm) wooden needles; superglue.

### GAUGE

17 stitches and 19 rows = 4" (10 cm) in pattern stitch on larger needles.



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