

LAINES DU NORD

CLEO COTTON TOTE BAG



MATERIALS

Using Laines du Nord Cleo Cotton:

One ball each Hot Pink 204 (A), Mint 2050 (B), Yellow 202(C)

One Pair size 6 knitting needles

One Canvas Tote Bag (Pink or color to coordinate)

Cardboard cut 3"x10 1/4" for bottom, and two pieces 2 3/4 x 8/34 for sides. Adjust to fit if necessary.

One magnet closure

Handles

MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 21"x 15" before finishing

Approximately 10" x 9" after finishing

GAUGE

16 sts and 20 rows to 4" using size 6 needles

NOTE

Bag is worked in one piece, folded and seamed along the sides to create vertical stripe

TOTE

Work the number of rows in the colors indicated in Stockinette Stitch.
With Color A, CO 46 stitches, place marker, CO 46 more stitches

Begin stripes:

6 rows of A

6 row B

4 rows C

4 rows A

4 rows B

4 rows A

4 rows C

6 rows B

6 rows A

4 rows C

4 rows A

4 rows B

4 rows A

4 rows C

6 rows B

6 rows A

Piece should measure 15" from beginning. Bind Off

FINISHING

Fold piece in half and sew cast on edges together and bound off edges together, forming vertical stripes.

CANVAS LINING

Cut off top folded edge of canvas bag with the handles attached.

Turn bag inside out and place inside your knitted bag, aligning the bag bases. Fold excess canvas material inside towards the knitted piece. Insert the cardboard base into the canvas bag, and the side pieces between two bags and align the side seams. Adjust the corner folds at the bottom of knitted piece (sew if desired). **TIP: Place three soup cans in bag to anchor everything in place.

Fit the knitted piece to top of canvas, matching side seams and pin in place. The top of the canvas should be about ¼" above the knitted piece. When you are sure of fit, remove the canvas bag and place the magnet closure in the center of bag about 1" from top. Attach bag handles to canvas bag. Prior to inserting canvas bag back into knitted bag, tape cardboard sides in place onto the canvas bag sides, sliding cardboard under folded top edge of canvas bag. Place canvas lining inside the knitted piece, reinsert soup cans and pin bag in place. With cans remaining in bag sew the top edge, leaving the ¼" of the canvas showing at top.