

Change back to Color A. Knit 1/3 of the height of the first band you knit in Color A and begin decreasing. Dec round 1 by working in Seed St for 5 sts, k2 tog. Repeat 9 times, 70 sts.

Note: some of the dec will disrupt the seed st, you will have some k or p sts next to each other, this is OK.

Work another round.

Change to DP needles when the circumference gets too small for circular needles.

Dec round 2 by working Seed St for 5 sts, k2tog. Repeat 10 times, 60 sts. Work an additional round.

Dec round 3 by working Seed St for 4 sts, k2 tog. Repeat 10 times, 50 sts. Work an additional round.

Dec round 4 by working Seed St for 3 sts, k2 tog. Repeat 10 times, 40 sts. Work an additional round.

Continue in Seed St working 2 sts, k2 tog until down to 10–12 sts. Repeat k2tog until you can bind off last stitch.

I-Cord Handles and Trim:

With Color B make two 4-st I-cord pieces each 14" long (or desired length) using the DP needles.

With Color B make a 3-st I-cord trim for the bag as follows.

Cast on 3 sts.

Pick up 1 st at a time from the outer edge of the cast on edge of the bag.

Knit the first 2 sts of the I-cord tog (that is 1 st from the bag edge and 1 st from the I-cord needle). Slide 3 sts to opposite end of DP needle and repeat, again picking up the next edge st and k2tog for next I-cord row, continue all around the bag's edge.

Stitch the finished end to the beginning end of the I-cord using a sturdy cotton thread.

Sew the I-cord handles to the bag using sturdy cotton thread.