



This knit shoulder bag features chunky corded embellishment and playful beaded details. So versatile, it's guaranteed to become a "go-to" accessory.



ABBREVIATIONS

BO-bind off; CO-cast on; k-knit; k2tog- knit 2 sts together; LH-left-hand; p-purl; pm-place marker; rep-repeat; RH-right-hand; RS-Right Side; sl-slip; st(s)-stitch(es); tbl-through back loop(s); WS-wrong side; yo-yarn over

SIZE

One Size: 7" (18 cm) wide x 5 1/2" (14 cm) long when folded closed

MATERIALS

- #6 super bulky weight yarn: we used Lion Brand® Hometown USA® (100% acrylic), 5 oz (140 g), 81 yd (74 m) – 1 ball #114 Tampa Spice
- Boye® single point knitting needles US size 15 (10 mm), or size needed to obtain gauge
- Assorted pony beads
- T-pins
- Boye® hand sewing tapestry needle

GAUGE

9 sts & 12 rows = 4" (10 cm) in stockinette stitch.
Gauge is not critical for this project.

SPECIAL STITCHES

I-Cord Bind-Off: CO 3 sts to free needle. Holding the 2 needles point-to-point with RS facing, slip the sts onto the end of the needle holding the sts to be bound off, *k2, k2tog tbl. Do not turn. Slip the 3 remaining sts on

the RH needle back to LH needle; rep from * until only 3 sts remain on right needle. Pass middle st over end st, pass inside st over end st. Fasten off.

PATTERN STITCHES

Twisted Stockinette Stitch

Row 1 (RS): Knit all stitches tbl.

Row 2: Purl.

Rep Rows 1-2 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS

CO 16 sts. Work in Twisted Stockinette Stitch until piece measures about 12" (30.5 cm) from beginning and ending with a WS row. Leaving sts on needle, cut yarn leaving a 12" (30.5 cm) tail.

Work I-Cord Bind-Off (see Special Stitches) for first 8 stitches. Work a button loop after binding off the 8th st as follows: Starting with 3 sts on LH needle, *k3, slip sts back to LH needle, rep from * until 6" (15.25 cm) of cord has been formed. Twist needle 360 degrees into a loop. Bind off rem sts, ending with 3 sts on RH needle. Pass middle st over end st, pass inside st over end st. Fasten off. Thread the beginning tail onto a yarn needle and run it inside the bound-off cord, tacking the button loop in place when you reach the center.

FINISHING

With WS together, fold cast-on edge up 4" (10 cm) and pin in place.

To Close Right Hand Side of Bag

CO 3 sts, insert needle through both thicknesses of fabric and pick up and knit 1 st at the bottom of the right hand side of the bag—4 sts on RH needle. *Slip 4 sts to free needle, k2, k2togtbl—3 sts remain. Pick up and knit another side st, rep from * until side has been bound off and cord has been formed along the side—approximately 6 sts bound off. Leave sts on needle. Make tubular cord for strap: Slip 3 remaining sts to the LH needle; *k3, slip sts back to LH needle, rep from * for 56" (142 cm). Approximately 12" (30.5 cm) will be used to form the O-loop on each side of the bag and 44" (112 cm) for the strap.

To Close Left Side of Bag

With the needle holding the 3 remaining sts, pick up and knit 1 st at the top of the left hand side of the bag—4 sts on RH needle. *Slip the 4 sts to free needle: k2, k2togtbl—3 sts remain. Continue as for right side, picking up and working the same number of stitches. Pass middle st over end st, pass inside st over end st. Fasten off.



Twist about 6" (15.25 cm) into an O-loop on each side of the bag as shown on the picture. Tack in place. Fold the upper part of the bag to close and mark the spot on the bag directly below the O-loop you formed on the corded bind off edge. Thread two 20" (50.75 cm) strands of yarn onto a yarn needle. Tack securely at the marked spot leaving equal lengths of 4 tails on each side. Thread 5 pony beads onto each tail as shown in picture. Tie a knot to secure beads. Pull through the O-loop to close bag. Trim tails to desired length. Weave in ends.