

how-to project: loom knit gift bags

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ABBREVIATIONS

BO—bind off; cm—centimeter(s); CO—cast on; dec—decrease; g—gram(s); k—knit; k2tog—knit 2 sts together; mm—millimeter(s); p—purl; p2tog—purl 2 sts together; rem—remain(ing)(s); rep—repeat; RS—right side; sl—slip; st(s)—stitch(es); St st—stockinette stitch; WS—wrong side; yd—yard(s); yo—yarn over

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Measurements will vary depending on loom used. Dimensions of bags as shown are included in directions.

MATERIALS

- **#6 super bulky yarn:** Lion Brand® Wool-Ease Thick & Quick: 1 skein for each project: *Burgundy flat bottom bag:* #306 Poinsettia, *Small ivory bowl and tall wine bottle bag:* #307 Mystical, *Large double wall bowl:* #308 Starlight
- **#6 super bulky yarn:** Lion Brand® Hometown USA 1 skein *Small brown bag:* #125 Billings
- **#2 fine yarn:** Lion Brand® Vanna's Glamour® 1 skein Pompom: #171 Gold
- **#4 medium Yarn:** Patons® Metallic 1 skein Pompom: #95628 Metallic Orange
- Boye® Assorted Loom Set with 4 Looms
 - ◊ Blue 12-peg round loom used for small ivory bowl and brown bag
 - ◊ Green 24-peg round loom used for wine bottle

- ◊ Orange 36-peg round loom used for blue gift bowl
- ◊ Blue 26-peg rectangular loom used for flat bottom burgundy gift bag
- Boye® Pompom Maker
- Boye® US size J [5.75 mm] crochet hook
- Loom hook
- Crochet hook
- Yarn needle

DIRECTIONS

Select Loom size to fit gift.

Note: Bags will stretch to accommodate many different size gifts. Height may be adjusted based on size of gift. To measure always lay bags flat so they are relaxed.

**ROUND GIFT BAGS
(TALL WINE BOTTLE AND SMALL BROWN BAG)**

1. With #6 super bulky yarn and appropriate loom for your project, cast on all pegs using e-wrap cast on.
2. Loom to 4" [10 cm] height for small bag or 11" [28 cm] height for wine bottle.
3. With only one loop on each peg, cut yarn leaving 24" [61 cm] tail.
4. Thread ending yarn tail onto tapestry needle.
5. Starting with peg 1, insert the needle below the loop and pull the yarn through. Repeat for all pegs and then repeat for peg 1 to make sure there is no gap.
6. Remove loops from pegs and turn bag inside out.
7. Gather snugly and fasten off securely. Weave in tails using yarn needle.
8. Turn bag right side out. Top edge of bag will roll naturally to create an attractive brim.

**DOUBLE WALL GIFT BOWLS
(SMALL WHITE BOWL AND LARGE BLUE BOWL)**

1. With #6 super bulky yarn and appropriate loom for your project, cast on all pegs using e-wrap cast on.
2. Loom to twice the finished height: 3" [7.5 cm] for small bowl and 4" [10 cm] for large bowl.
3. With one loop on each peg and at beginning of round, reach inside and pull up the beginning edge.
4. Use the beginning tail to help you line up the first stitch in the beginning round with the first stitch on the loom.



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5. Place loops from the beginning edge over the corresponding loop on each peg being careful to line up the loops so the stitches match.
6. Use the loom tool to knit off the bottom loops over the top loops.
7. Continue to e-wrap and knit 4 more rounds for small bowl and 8 more rounds for large bowl.
8. Follow steps 3-8 for the Round Gift Bag to finish.

FLAT BOTTOM GIFT BAG

(TALL WINE BOTTLE AND SMALL BROWN BAG)

1. With #6 super bulky yarn, cast on all pegs on 26-peg rectangular loom using e-wrap cast on.
2. E-wrap and knit around until piece measures 6" [15 cm] height.
3. To bind off: With one loop on each peg lift the loops from the center 12 lower pegs and place them on the corresponding pegs on the upper edge.
4. Knit off the bottom loops over the top loops on each of the top row pegs. 14 pegs remain with loops on them.
5. Starting on the end opposite from the working yarn, use a crochet hook to pick up the last loop, and then pick up the next-to-last loop on the hook.
6. Pull the next-to-last loop through the last loop to bind off your first stitch. Continue binding off the remaining loops in the same manner until one loop remains.
7. Cut working yarn leaving an 8" [20.5 cm] tail. Pull the yarn tail through the last loop to fasten off.
8. Weave in tails using yarn needle. Turn bag right side out.

TIE GIFT BAGS CLOSED

Tie bags closed with a bow or knot using left over yarn. Add pompoms for decoration.

POMPOMS

Make pompoms using the Boye^{®/MD} PomPom Maker and the same yarn as used for bags or #2 fine or #4 medium weight yarn as indicated. If you don't have a pompom maker, cut a piece of cardboard twice as long as the desired size of the pompom and 4" [10 cm] wide. Wrap yarn around cardboard approximately 75 times for #4 yarn or 150 times for #2 yarn (The more wraps, the fluffier the pompom will be).

Thread yarn needle with 8" [20 cm] piece of yarn. Insert needle between cardboard and yarn wraps at top edge. Remove needle and tie yarn tightly around all wraps. Cut wraps at opposite edge to form pompom. Shake pompom to distribute yarn evenly. Trim ends as needed.





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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

See individual pattern.

MATERIALS

- **#6 super bulky yarn:** Lion Brand® Wool-Ease Thick & Quick: (80% acrylic/20% wool, (6 oz [170 g]/106 yd [97 m])) 1 skein or less for each project: Burgundy flat bottom bag; #306 Poinsettia, Small ivory bowl and tall wine bottle bag; #307 Mystical, Large double wall bowl; #308 Starlight, Small brown bag; #404 Wood
- **For Pompoms:**
 - ♦ **#2 fine yarn:** Lion Brand® Vanna's Glamour® 1 oz [28 g]: #171 Gold
 - ♦ **#4 medium yarn:** Patons® Metallic 1oz [28 g]: #95628 Metallic Orange
- Boye® US size 13 [9 mm] needles
- Boye® Pompom Maker or 4" [10 cm] piece of stiff cardboard
- Yarn needle

GAUGE

- 9 sts X 12 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stockinette stitch.

SPECIAL STITCHES AND TECHNIQUES

TWISTED STOCKINETTE PATTERN

Row 1: Knit all sts through the back loop.

Row 2: Purl.

Rep Rows 1 & 2 for Twisted Stockinette stitch pattern.

DIRECTIONS

Note:

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- To measure always lay bags flat so they are relaxed.
- Directions are given for smaller bag first with larger size in parentheses ().

ROUND GIFT BAGS

(SMALL BROWN BAG AND WINE BOTTLE)

CO 12 (16) sts.

Work in Twisted Stockinette until piece measures 6" [15 cm] (14" [35.5 cm]). Cut yarn leaving long tail. Thread tail onto yarn needle and draw through all sts. Gather tightly and secure. Use remaining tail to sew sides together. Fasten off and allow edge to roll to form brim.

DOUBLE WALL GIFT BOWLS

(SMALL WHITE BOWL AND LARGE BLUE BOWL)

CO 12 (30) sts.

Work in Twisted Stockinette until piece measures twice the desired height of bowl and ending with a purl row. Using a 3rd needle, pick up 12 (30) sts along cast on edge so each needle has the same number of stitches. Fold piece in half with WS together. Knit off one stitch from cast on edge together with coordinating live stitch. To form bottom, continue knitting in stockinette until the single layer of piece measures one-half the desired width of bowl. Cut yarn leaving long tail. Thread tail onto yarn needle and draw through all sts. Gather tightly and secure. Use remaining tail to sew sides together.

FLAT BOTTOM GIFT BAG (BURGUNDY BAG)

CO 24 sts.

Work in Twisted Stockinette until piece measures 10" [25.5 cm] or desired height ending with purl row. BO off knitwise leaving a long tail. Fold piece in half lengthwise with RS together. Sew sides together then sew bottom edges together. Turn right side out and allow top edge to roll and form brim.



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