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EASY

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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Scrubby Smoothie:** 3 balls 2162 Popsicle Brights

**Susan Bates® Knitting**  
**Needles:** 5mm [US 8] 24" [60 cm] circular needle and one double pointed needle 4mm, 4.5mm, 5mm or 5.5mm [US 6, 7, 8 or 9] (for three-needle bind-off)

2 stitch holders, stitch marker, contrasting waste yarn (for provisional cast-ons), yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 13 sts = 4" (10 cm) in (p2tog, yo) stretchy lace pattern. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needle(s) to obtain the gauge.



**RED HEART® Scrubby Smoothie,** Art. E867 available in solid color 3.5 oz (100 g), 153 yd (140 m); prints 3 oz (85 g), 131 yd (120 m) balls

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# Expanding Market Bag

This knit bag will be ready for whatever you need to take along for the day. You may be going to the farmer's market, need to pack a lunch or kiddie snacks, or carry your current knit project. Choose from a great array of colors in this smooth cotton yarn.

**Bag measures about 13" [33 cm] long by 15½" [39.5 cm] wide (31 in. [78.5 cm] circumference), unstretched and not including straps.**

## Special Stitch

**M1P (make 1 purl) =** Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and purl strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole - 1 st increased.

## Notes

1. Market bag is worked in three pieces: Bag and two straps.
2. Straps are worked back and forth in rows of Garter stitch (knit every row).
3. Bag is worked in three sections: Base, body, and top. Base is worked back and forth in rows. Stitches are picked up around outer edges of base to begin working body. Body is worked in rounds in a simple stretchy lace pattern. Top is worked in rounds in Reverse Stockinette stitch (purl every round).
4. When bag is complete, the top edge is bound off and straps are attached using three-needle bind-off.

## STRAPS (make 2)

With circular needle and waste yarn, leaving a 6" [15 cm] beginning tail, cast on 6 sts.

Join working yarn and work back and forth in rows on circular needle as if working with straight needles.

**Work in Garter stitch (knit every row) until piece measures about 16" [40.5 cm] from beginning or desired length.**

**Note:** Straps will stretch.

Cut yarn, leaving a 6" [15 cm] ending tail.

Place the 6 sts on a stitch holder.

Repeat to make second strap.

## BAG

### Base

With circular needle and working yarn, cast on 4 sts. Work back and forth in rows as if working with straight needles.

**Row 1 (wrong side):** Purl.

**Row 2:** K3, yo, k1—5 sts.

**Row 3:** P3, yo, p2—6 sts.

**Row 4:** K3, yo, k to end of row—7 sts.

**Row 5:** P3, yo, p to end of row—8 sts.

**Rows 6-27:** Repeat Rows 4 and 5 for 11 more times—30 sts.

**Row 28:** K2, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k to end of row—29 sts.

**Row 29:** P2, p2tog, yo, p2tog, p to end of row—28 sts.

**Rows 30-51:** Repeat Rows 28 and 29 for 11 more times—6 sts.

**Row 52:** [K2tog] twice, k2—4 sts.

**Row 53:** [P2tog] twice—2 sts.

**Row 54:** K2tog—1 st.

Keep last st on needle.

### Body

**Round 1 (right side):** With right side facing, counting remaining st on needle as first stitch, pick up and knit 25 sts as evenly spaced as possible along each of the 4 sides of the base—100 sts.

### Hints

1. To pick up 25 stitches evenly along one side edge, place a marker at center of edge and pick up and knit 12 or 13 stitches on each side of the marker.

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2. Some knitters use a crochet hook to pick up stitches along an edge. Use the crochet hook to draw up each stitch and place it on the needle. Place a marker on needle for beginning of round. Prepare to work in rounds.

**Rounds 2 and 3:** Knit.

**Round 4:** \*P2tog, yo; repeat from \* around.

**Round 5:** Knit.

Repeat Rounds 4 and 5 until body measures about 11½" [29 cm] from beginning of body.

### Notes

1. When working Round 4, take care to work a yarn over as last stitch of round.
2. By purling 2 stitches together on the right side of your work, a decorative left-leaning decrease is created.
3. The lacy pattern formed by repeating Rounds 4 and 5 is easy to "read". For example, when repeating Round 4, the second stitch in a p2tog will always be directly above the yarn over of the previous Round 4.

### Top

**Round 1 (right side):** [P20, M1P] 4 times, p20—104 sts.

**Rounds 2-7:** Purl.

### Bind Off and Attach Straps

**Note:** Bind off loosely to allow plenty of stretch at the top of your bag.

**Step 1:** Transfer stitches of one strap from holder to double pointed needle. Hold double pointed needle and circular needle in the same hand with wrong sides of strap and bag together and needle points facing in the same direction.

**Step 2:** Insert needle into first bag stitch then into first strap stitch and knit the 2 stitches together (one stitch on right needle), \*insert needle into next bag stitch then into next strap stitch and knit the 2 stitches together (2 stitches on right needle), lift first stitch made over second stitch made and off right needle (one stitch is bound off and one stitch remains on right needle); repeat from \* 4 more times, knit next bag stitch and lift the last k2tog over the knit stitch and off right needle. One end of strap has now been attached to top of bag.

**Step 3:** Loosely bind off next 20 bag stitches.

**Step 4:** Carefully remove the waste yarn from the beginning end of the first strap and place the released stitches on the double pointed needle. Being very careful not to twist the strap, bind off the next 6 bag stitches attaching the second end of first strap in same manner as in Step 2. Both ends of one strap have now been attached to top of bag.

**Step 5:** Loosely bind off next 20 bag stitches.

Repeat Steps 1-5 to complete bind off and attach second strap.

Fasten off and secure last st.

### FINISHING

Weave in ends very securely.

### ABBREVIATIONS

**k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **p** = purl; **p2tog** = purl next 2 sts together; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **yo** = yarn over; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.

