

Tote with plastic handles:

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Finished size:

At the widest point: 10”.

From bottom of handle to bottom of bag about 12”.

This projects builds on the techniques learned on project one (eye glasses case) for the loom class.

Please if you didn't do the eye glasses case, print the directions, so you can refer back to the techniques shown there. This are: Non Loopy cast on, garter stitch and cast off.

Materials:

Less than 8 oz. Of cotton. I used Peaches and Cream. It is worked with 2 strands hold together.

2 Plastic Handles, 4 ¾” at the widest part, on the inside.

Yarn needle.

Loom: either yellow kk or blue In The Attic.

Step 1.- Cast on all peg with non loopy cast on method to knit on the round. (Shown on eye glass case).

Step 2.- With garter stitch work 40 rows. Row 1 will be done with e-wrap and then knit off, Row 2 will be the purl row.

Step 3.- Now we will start the decreases and work as a flat piece :

Row 41: e-wrap 20 pegs and knit off.

Row 42: Decrease: Move the loop from the first peg onto the second peg. Move the loop from the last peg (peg 20) onto the peg on the right (peg 19). Now you have 2 loops on the beginning and endings pegs. You will treat this 2 loops as one.

Purl all 18 pegs.



Take loop of first peg.



Move loop to the second peg.



Take last loop off the peg.



Put loop on next peg to the right.

Row 43: E-wrap the 18 pegs and knit off.

Row 44: Work another decrease at beginning and end: Move the first loop to the second peg, and move the last loop to the peg on the right. Purl treating the 2 bottom loops at the beginning and end as one.

Row 45: E-wrap the 16 pegs and Knit off.

Row 46: Work another decrease at beginning and end: Move the first loop to the second peg, and move the last loop to the peg on the right. Purl treating the 2 bottom loops at the beginning and end as one.

Rows 47, 49, 51 and 53: E-wrap and knit off.

Rows 48, 50, 52, and 54 Purl.

Row 55: E-wrap as loose as you can, knit off and cast off leaving a long tail.

Construction:

Repeat Step 3 with the remaining 21 pegs. Please note that on the first side you will have 14 pegs at the end, but on the second side you will have 15 pegs.

**Step 4: put the handle at the top, fold the last 4 rows in, and whipped stitch using the yarn from the long tail.
Repeat with the other side.**

Step 5: With the bag inside out hold the handles together, the bag is kind of fold in half, go to the bottom and whipped stitch the 2 sides together.

To give the bag a rounded look at backstitch diagonally the 2 corners.



The upper part of the ruler shows where you are going to back stitch.

Repeat with the other side.

Weave in all the tails.

Alternate ending for handles that are not a solid bar on the bottom.

At row 48 e-wrap and knit off. Cast off the center 8 pegs. Work 8 rows on the first 3 pegs with garter stitch and cast off. Repeat with the last 3 pegs. Attach the first handle and repeat with the other side.