

LINEN CONCERTO Knit Tote



Approximate Dimensions: 16 ½" wide, 28" long

Materials:

Linen Concerto:

4—50G balls, color 72, Blue/Purple Mix

Gauge: 19 sts, 23.5 rows = 4" using size 9 needles over Stockinet stitch,

18 sts, 27 rows = 4 ¼" in knotted lace stitch on size 9s.

Needles: US Size 9-32" circular and double points, stitch marker.

Knotted Lace Stitch worked flat (Multiple of 3 sts)

Row 1 (WS): purl all sts

Row 2: k2, *yo, k3, take the left hand needle and lift the first stitch of the k3 over the other 2 (1 st decreased); rep from * across to last st, k1.

Row 3: purl all sts.

Row 4: k1, *k3, take the left hand needle and lift the first stitch of the k3 over the other 2 (1 st decreased), yo; rep from * across to 2 sts, k2.

Repeat these 4 rows for pattern.

Knotted Lace Stitch worked in the round

(Multiple of 3 sts)

Round 1: knit all sts

Round 2: k2, *yo, k3, take the left hand needle and lift the first stitch of the k3 over the other 2 (1 st decreased) rep from * across to last st, yo, k1, remove marker, take the left hand needle and lift the k1 stitch over the first 2 sts knit from this round (1 st decreased), replace the

stitch marker in between these 2 sts to mark beginning of round.

Round 3: knit all sts.

Round 4: *yo, k3, take the left hand needle and lift the first stitch of the k3 over the other 2 (1 st decreased); rep from *

Repeat these 4 rounds for pattern.

Strap

With circular needle and scrap yarn, Cast on 15 sts. Work in knotted lace stitch (worked flat) for 5", end having worked row 4.

Next Row (WS): Cable Cast on 3 sts, work row 1 of pattern stitch.

Next Row (RS): Cable Cast on 3 sts, work row 2 of pattern stitch. (Note: you can work the pattern row as stated since you are casting on a multiple of 3 sts).

Repeat these 2 increase rows every other WS and RS Row until there are 63 sts on needle, end having worked row 3 of pattern stitch. Set aside.

Make one more strap. Then, join both straps together by working row 4 of knotted lace stitch across both straps.

Place marker. Begin working in the round in knotted lace stitch, starting with round 1. 126 sts.

ABBREVIATIONS: cont= continue, dec = decrease, inc = increase, k = knit, m= marker, m1- make one, pm= place marker, pssso = pass slip stitch over, p = purl, RS= right side, sl = slip, SSK = slip 1 st as if to knit, slip a second st as if to knit, knit them together through the back loop, st(s) = stitch(es), st st = stockinette st, tbl = through back loop, tog = together, WS = Wrong Side, yo = yarn over, wyif = with yarn in front, wyib = with yarn in back,

When tote measures 10" from joining in the round,
Knit across next round, increasing 6 sts evenly across. 132 sts.
You will now start decreasing, switch to double points when necessary.

Round 1: *k10, ssk; rep from * around. 121 sts.

Next Round and every other round: knit all sts.

Round 3: *k9, ssk; rep from * around. 110 sts.

Round 5: *k8, ssk; rep from * around. 100 sts.

Round 7: *k7, ssk; rep from * around. 88 sts.

Round 9: *k6, ssk; rep from * around. 77 sts.

Round 11: *k5, ssk; rep from * around. 66 sts.

Round 13: *k4, ssk; rep from * around. 55 sts.

Round 15: *k3, ssk; rep from * around. 44 sts.

Round 17: *k2, ssk; rep from * around. 33 sts.

Round 19: *k1, ssk; rep from * around. 22 sts.

Round 21: *ssk; rep from * around. 11 sts.

Round 22: k1, *ssk; rep from * around. 6 sts.

Cut yarn and draw through remaining sts. Stitch closed the hole on the bottom and weave in end.

Unravel scrap yarn from cast on edges and work 3 needle bind off across the straps, making sure there isn't a twist.

Handle Edge: With RS facing and circular needle,

Pick up and knit 1 st for every stitch and row across one opening- when picking up from the increases/cast on sts, pick up just the top edge and not the whole stitch (this will produce a cleaner edge). PM. Work 2 rounds in st st and then bind off all sts on next round. Repeat for the other opening.

Weave in all ends.

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