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**LAST 2 ROWS:** K to end of charcoal, W&T. K to end of charcoal, W&T. Break yarn, leaving sts on needle.

## SECOND RASPBERRY CRESCENT

With RS facing, and without attaching yarn, use tips of needle holding charcoal sts to pick up 25 sts on either side of charcoal insert along CO edges of first raspberry crescent — 100 sts. Join color B and rep from row 1 as for first raspberry crescent. When complete, each needle holds 100 sts — 200 sts total.

## CHARCOAL BODY OF BAG

Work in the round with two circular needles (see note).

**ROUND 1:** Join color A. K1, inc 1, K98, inc 1, K1. Rep on second needle — 204 sts.

**ROUND 2:** {K1, inc 1} twice, K98, {inc 1, K1} twice. Rep on second needle — 212 sts.

**ROUND 3:** K.

**ROUND 4:** K1, inc 1, K104, inc 1, K1. Rep on second needle — 216 sts.

**ROUND 5:** K.

**ROUND 6:** K1, inc 1, K106, inc 1, K1. Rep on second needle — 220 sts.

**NOTE:** Soon you can probably work on 1 needle (choose longer one if you have 2 lengths). Next time you finish knitting with the longer needle, continue using it to K all sts off shorter needle. Make sure to place a beg of round marker before putting all sts on one needle.

**ROUNDS 7–8:** K.

**ROUND 9:** K1, inc 1, K6, {K4, K2tog} 16 times, K6, {K1, inc 1} twice, K6, {K4, K2tog} 16 times, K6, inc 1, K1 — 192 sts.

**ROUNDS 10–14:** K.

**ROUND 15:** K1, inc 1, K7, {K2tog, K3} 16 times, K7, {K1, inc 1} twice, K7, {K2tog, K3} 16 times, K7, inc 1, K1 — 164 sts.

**ROUNDS 16–20:** K.

**ROUND 21:** K1, inc 1, K8, {K2, K2tog} 16 times, K8, {K1, inc 1} twice, K8, {K2, K2tog} 16 times, K8, inc 1, K1 — 136 sts.

**ROUNDS 22–26:** K.

**ROUND 27:** K4, {K2tog, K3} 12 times, K8, {K2tog, K3} 12 times, K4 — 112 sts.

**ROUNDS 28–29:** K.

**ROUND 30: (POCKET OPENING)** K13, BO 30, use cable CO method to CO 31 new sts to left needle. With RS facing, bring left and right needle tips together and join by knitting together the first st on each needle. K to end of round — 112 sts.

**ROUNDS 31–32:** K.

**ROUND 33:** K5, {K2tog, K3} 9 times, K11, {K2tog, K3} 9 times, K6 — 94 sts.

**ROUNDS 34–37:** K.

**ROUND 38:** {K5, K2tog} 13 times, K1, K2tog — 80 sts.

## EDGING AND STRAP

Continuing with color A, with shorter needle in right hand, work knitted cord edging as follows: CO 4 sts to left hand needle tip using cable CO method. \* K3, SSK, sl these 4 sts back to left hand needle, draw yarn across WS and rep from \* across 40 sts (first side).

Continue as free 4-st knitted cord as follows: \* K4, sl these 4 sts back to left hand needle, draw yarn across WS and rep from \* until free knitted cord is 20" long (strap). Attach cord strap to opposite corner of bag (being careful not to twist it), WS facing as you work, and work knitted cord edging across rem 40 sts. BO and use tail of yarn to sew end to rim. Use tail from other end to sew beg to rim.

## INNER I-CORD BORDERS

With color C and shorter needle, pick up 1 st for every round of knitted cord along outer edge of circle formed by charcoal handle and rim on side opposite pocket opening. Work 4 st knitted cord edging around all sts as above. BO and sew ends closed. Rep with color B on other side.

## POCKET EDGE

With color C and shorter needle, pick up and K 30 sts across bottom of pocket opening, 2 sts in corner, 30 sts across top of opening and 2 sts in corner — 64 sts. Work knitted cord edging as follows: CO 3 sts to left hand needle tip using cable CO method. \* K2, SSK, sl these 3 sts back to left hand needle, draw yarn across WS and rep from \* until all sts around opening have been worked. BO and use tail to sew ends together.



## POCKET LINING

Lining is worked as a separate piece in st st and sewn on after felting to avoid distortion of outer bag. With color A, CO 60 sts. Work 2" in st st, ending with a WS row.

**NEXT ROW:** K3, {K2tog, K7} 6 times, K3 — 54 sts. Work 2" in st st, ending with a WS row.

**NEXT ROW:** K3, {K6, K2tog} 6 times, K3 — 48 sts. Work 2" in st st, ending with a WS row.

**WORK STRIPES AS FOLLOWS:** Work 2 rows color B. Work 2 rows color A. Continue to alternate 2 rows color B, 2 rows color A until 5 color B stripes have been worked, then continue in color A to end.

**At the same time,** beg with first row of color B, K3, {K2tog, K5} 6 times, K3 — 42 sts. Work 2" in st st, ending with a WS row.

**NEXT ROW:** K3, {K4, K2tog} 6 times, K3 — 36 sts. Work 4" in st st.

BO and weave in all ends.

## FELTING AND FINISHING

Place bag and pocket lining inside large zippered pillowcase (or close a pillowcase with bulldog clips or very strong rubber bands) in washing machine with a pair of jeans or a half dozen tennis balls. Set machine for low water level, hot water, and add one teaspoon detergent. Set timer and check progress every few minutes. Reset machine to continue agitating until bag and lining are desired size (lining will be trimmed to fit). Press between towels to remove excess water, push and pat into shape, then stuff bag with bubble wrap to block as it dries. Flatten lining and let dry. When both pieces are dry, pin lining to inside of bag (turn bag inside out) so narrow bound-off edge is 1" beneath rim, centered over pocket. Let pocket gape open about an inch and pin bottom of lining to bottom of bag. Use scissors to trim bottom corners of lining to a rounded shape. Use sewing thread and needle to sew edges of lining to bag. The sewing thread will sink into felt and disappear.



## ABBREVIATIONS

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beg.....begin/beginning	Pwise.....purlwise
BO.....bind off	rem.....remain/remaining
CC.....contrasting color	rep.....repeat/repeating
CO.....cast on	rev.....reverse
dec.....decrease/decreasing	RH.....right hand
dbl dec.....double decrease – slip 2 sts together as if to K them together, K1, pass 2 slipped sts over.	RS.....right side
inc.....increase/increasing	sl.....slip
K.....knit	SSK.....slip, slip, knit — sl 1 st as if to K; sl another st as if to K; sl both sts back to LH needle and K them together TBL.
K2tog.....knit 2 together (K3tog = knit 3 together, etc.)	st st.....stockinette stitch
Kwise.....knitwise	st(s).....stitch(es)
LH.....left hand	TBL.....through back loop
m1 .....make 1 — Use the tip of your left needle to lift up the strand running between the st just worked and the next st. K into the back of this strand, twisting the loop to avoid making a hole.	W&T.....wrap & turn — Used to prevent holes at the turning point in short rows. With yarn toward WS, sl next st to RH needle, bring yarn to RS, sl st back to LH needle and turn the piece, ready to work back in the other direction.
MC.....main color	WS.....wrong side
P.....purl	WYIF.....with yarn in front
P2tog.....purl 2 together (P3tog = purl 3 together, etc.)	WYIB.....with yarn in back
PM.....place marker	yo.....yarn over
PSSO.....pass the slipped stitch over the st just knitted	



MORE THAN JUST A YARN

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