



## Veggie/Beach/Laundry Bag

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Make it long or short — beaded or not!

### MATERIALS:

Size 8 double points

Size 10 ½ or 11 circular (16 and 24 inches)

Approximately 400 yds cotton or linen (the amount of yarn depends on the length you choose)

Cord for a handle (either a purchased one, or knitted I-cord)

Beads are optional (20 large beads for the bottom and 20 smaller beads for the top)

ABBREVIATIONS: YO = yarn over (bring the yarn from the back of your work to the front between the needles, and then proceed to knit.)

FOR OPTIONS 1 AND 2, BEGIN AS FOLLOWS:

Using size 8 double points, cast on 9 stitches and divide among 3 needles. (Change to a circular size 8 when you have reached at least 50 to 60 stitches.)

Knit in a circle, being careful not to twist the stitches.

1. Increase in each stitch (= 18 sts)
2. \*Knit 1, increase in next st, repeat from \*
3. \*Knit 2, increase in next st, repeat from \*
4. Knit even - no increases this round
5. \*Knit 3, increase in next st, repeat from \*
6. Knit even
7. \*K4, increase in next st, repeat from \*
8. Knit even

Continue in this manner until you have 100 sts on your needle for **OPTION #1**. You must have an even # of stitches.

NOTE: If you wish to add beads, decide how many beads you wish to attach. (I used 20.)

PURL 4 sts, insert one crochet hook or thin wire through a bead and draw up the next stitch through the bead and place that loop on the right needle, removing that stitch from the left needle. Purl 4 more stitches and proceed with the crochet hook again. Repeat around the 100-stitch row. Now change to the larger circular needle. Purl 1 row, and then begin the pattern:

\*YO, K 2 sts together. Repeat from \* until you have reached the desired length. Purl 1 row, and add more beads to the next row (if you so desire). Purl 2 more rows and then bind off.

For **OPTION #2**: Continue increasing until you have 122 sts on your needle (9 sections with 14 sts in each). Stay with the size 8 needle and change to purling every row for 5 rows, then seed st for 5 rows. Switch to size 10 ½ or 11 needles and work in pattern:

\*YO, K 2 together, and repeat from \* around until you have reached 12 inches of the pattern alone. Go back to size 8 needle and purl 4 rows. Bind off with the larger needle.

Any cord you wish can be inserted through the pattern stitches a few rows below the top row of beads to be used as a drawstring. Two cords work very well, placed one row above the other, with ends in the opposite directions.

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