



# Kurrajong Handcrafts

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## Sweet Stranding

This little bag is a quick knit and makes the perfect last-minute gift. Knitted in the round with a simple stranded colourwork panel, it is tied with a matching i-cord with delicate leaf detail. Simply choose two gorgeous colours, knit, block and fill with sweets, jewellery or other small items.

### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

4 inches/10cm high; 3.25 inches/8cm across at base.

### GAUGE

28sts and 36rows = 4 inches/ 10cm in stocking stitch

### MATERIALS

One skein each of two contrasting colours of Koigu Premium Merino yarn, [170yds/50g] (shown in 2233 – pink, 1500 – green, 1005 – blue, 2300 – mauve), each bag will take approx half a skein of main colour(MC) and a small amount of the contrasting colour(CC).

1 set 2.5 mm circular or double pointed needles for your preferred method of knitting in the round.

1 set 3mm double pointed needles

### PATTERN NOTES

Tips for great colourwork:

- Pay careful attention to your stranding tension. Minor inconsistencies will disappear with blocking but be wary of deeper problems.
- Be particularly cautious at the end of the round and between needles. Flatten the work at each join and ensure that the stranded yarn is not too tight.
- Make sure your colours have high contrast, The tiny stitches in the pattern will not show up otherwise. To test for suitability, undo single strands of each yarn and hold together rather than looking at the whole skein.
- Ensure that the strands at the back lie straight and do not twist. One colour should always come from beneath the other. Long floats can be left untwisted and lying flat along the back of the work.





#### ABBREVIATIONS

**k** – knit;

**p** – purl;

**yo** – yarn over;

**ssk** – slip next two sts as if to knit, return to left needle and knit together through back loops;

**k2tog** – knit next two sts together;

**p2tog** – purl next two sts together;

**tbl** – through back loops;

**inc** – increase by knitting front and back

**rpt** – repeat;

#### INSTRUCTIONS

##### **Bag**

Using MC and 2.5 mm needles cast on 60 stitches.

Round 1-4: k.

Round 5: k1, \*yo, k2tog, rpt from \* to last stitch, k1.

Round 6-9: k.

Round 10: fold over hem and knit each stitch together with its corresponding loop on cast-on edge.

Round 11-13: k.

Round 14: k2, \*yo, k2tog, k3, rpt from \* to last 3 sts, yo, k2tog, k1. (12 eyelets created)

Knit 12 rounds.

Work 13 rounds of Heart or Diamond colourwork chart, CC is represented by black dots.

Knit 12 rounds, purl one round.

##### **Base**

Round 1: \*k2tog, k8, rpt from \* to end.

Round 2-3: k.

Round 4: \*k2tog, k7, rpt from \* to end.

Round 5-6: k.

Round 7: \*k2tog, k6, rpt from \* to end.

Round 8: k.

Round 9: \*k2tog, k5, rpt from \* to end.

Round 10: k.

Round 11: \*k2tog, k4, rpt from \* to end.

Round 12: k.

Round 13: \*k2tog, k3, rpt from \* to end.

Round 14: k.

Round 15: \*k2tog, k2, rpt from \* to end.

Round 16: \*k2tog, k1, rpt from \* to end.

Round 17: k2tog around.

Break yarn and draw up through remaining 6 sts.



##### **I-cord**

Using a provisional cast on and leaving a 45 inch/120cm tail, cast on 2 stitches in CC on one 3mm dpn.

Using second dpn k2.

Without turning work, slide stitches to other end of dpn and k2 again.

Repeat until i-cord measures 18 inches/45 cm.





### **Leaf**

R 1: inc in next st, k1. Do not turn.  
R 2: inc in next 2 sts, k1. Do not turn.  
R 3: k2, yo, k1, yo, k2. Turn, and work flat from now on.  
R 4 and all even rows: p.  
R 5: k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, (9 sts).  
R 7: ssk, k5, k2tog..  
R 9: ssk, k3, k2tog.  
R 11: ssk, k1, k2tog.  
R 13: sl1 k2tog psso.  
Break yarn and draw end through last stitch.

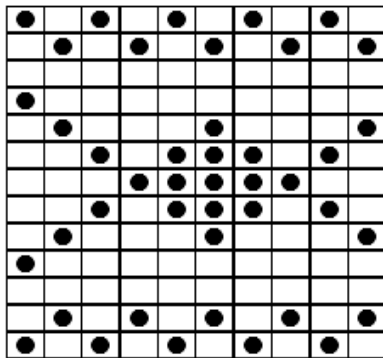
Undo provisional cast on and repeat leaf at other end of i-cord using tail left at beginning.

### **FINISHING**

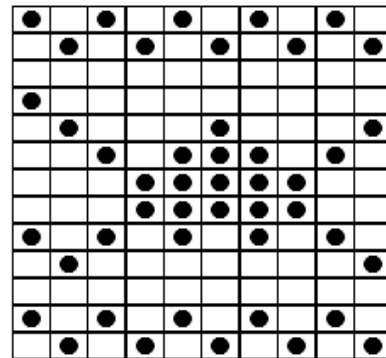
Darn in ends. Block your bag by dampening and shaping over a bottle or jar, then leave to dry.

Cut a cardboard circle the size of the base of the bag for stability. Thread the i-cord tie through eyelets, draw up and tie into a bow.

**Diamond Chart**



**Heart Chart**



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