

# Eliza Bag

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## Materials:

- ~ One skein of Material Whirled yarn
- ~ Size 10 1/2 or 11, 16 in. circular needle
- ~ Four stitch markers, one different from the rest
- ~ Size 'J' crochet hook
- ~ Funky button of your choice for closure~
- ~ Funky scarf of your choice for straps, approx. 8"x 54"

## Gauge:

Approx. 2.5 stitches/inch or 10 stitches across 4 inches. Gauge is not critical since this is not a garment; however you want to be sure your stitches are fairly tight, since you don't want your stuff to wiggle its way out of your bag.

## Bottom of Bag:

Cast on 15 stitches and knit back and forth in garter stitch for 8 rows. You will have 4 ridges on each side.

## Forming Bag:

At the end of the last row, place marker (pm). Pick up and knit 4 stitches along short side of bag (easy to do, just pick up the 4 nubs at side), pm. Pick up 15 stitches along long edge of bottom, pm. Pick up 4 stitches along remaining short side (again, just pick up the 4 nubs). Place the marker of a different color at this point so that you know each time you reach this marker you will have completed a round. 38 stitches total.

Begin sides: (it may be a little awkward in the beginning, hang in there!)

Round 1: Knit to 1<sup>st</sup> marker. Slip marker, slip stitch, knit 2, slip stitch, slip 2<sup>nd</sup> marker. Knit to 3<sup>rd</sup> marker. Slip marker, slip stitch, knit 2, slip stitch, slip 4<sup>th</sup> marker.

Round 2: Knit around.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until bag measures approximately 8", ending having worked round 2 and ending at 3<sup>rd</sup> marker.

## Shaping Flap:

Bind off 23 st, beginning with the stitch immediately past the 3<sup>rd</sup> marker. This bind off will form the front of the bag. You will now be knitting back and forth on the remaining 15 stitches to form the flap.

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for 3 inches, end having worked row 2.

Begin shaping flap tip:

Row 1: k1, ssk, k to 3 stitches before end, k2tog, k1.

Row 2: purl

Row 3: knit

Row 4: purl

Repeat rows 1-4 until 11 stitches remain, end having worked row 4.

Buttonhole row: k1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1. 8 stitches should remain.

Next row: purl 4, yo, purl 4 (this will make a button hole- and will stretch out once used).

Next row: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k2tog, k1. 6 stitches should remain

Next row: purl normally

Bind off loosely.

## Flap Edge:

Make a single crochet edge around the entire bag flap to add more structure and to keep the edge from curling.

Set the bag shape by spritzing the outside with water to set the yarn and shape the bag. Lay to dry for about a day and you should be ready to hit the town!

## Make it your own!

Attach a funky button and tie a cool scarf strap through the sides of bag. If you have yarn left over you can twist a piece of it with the scarf for the strap.

