



Drawstring bag

This small drawstring bag is the adapted pattern of a 19th century bag from the former Historical Museum at Deventer, The Netherlands. The museums' purse was originally attached to a silver bag handle. The lace edge originates from the oldest Dutch knitting book by Christine Sluter, first published in 1843.

Materials and tools

50 gr of thin sock yarn = 191 - 219 yards (175 - 200 m).
 5 Double pointed needles US 1 - 2.25 mm.
 1 Safety pin shaped stitch marker.
 1 Tapestry needle (sharp).
 Piece of cardboard, 3¹/₂ x 3¹/₂ inch (8.5 x 8.5 cm) for tassel.
 Cloth for lining 7 x 16 inch (18 x 40 cm).
 Sewing machine/ sewing yarn/ sewing needle.

Gauge

34 stitches and 45 rows = 4 inches in stockinet.

Notes

The bag is knitted in the round on 4 dpn's. The lace edge is knitted on 2 needles and sewn on afterwards. Covered by the lace edge, the bag has holes to pull the draw-

string through. The chart shows half the bag (stitches on needles 1 and 2). To be repeated on needles 3 and 4. The White squares in the big chart are knit st. Every second row is a knit row. The big chart and the small one for the lace edge each have a similar set of symbols but In the edge chart the knit st are depicted by a vertical line. The red outlined rectangle in the big chart shows one repeat of the lace pattern. (5 repeats in between row 30 and 82). The black squares are non existent, just ignore them and follow the charts.

Stitches

M= make a stitch (and a tiny hole) by picking up the bridge between 2 st of the previous row with your left needle from front to back. Knit this loop. This bridge will be in between 2 needles when there is an M at the beginning of a needle.

B= Bind off by slipping previously knitted stitch over last knitted stitch.

Note: The first one of the 9 bind off st for the lace edge must be slipped, not knitted.

/ = K2tog, Knit two stitches together as one.

\ = PssO. Slip one, knit one and pass slipped stitch over knitted st.

Lace edge

Follow small chart on the right.

CO 10 st on 1 needle. Read the chart in the direction of the red arrows and work the st as they appear in the chart.

To make sure you got it right, here are the first 2 rows as a reference:

Row 1: Sl1, K2, PssO, K1, YO twice, K2tog, YO twice, PssO.

Row 2: Sl1, K1, P1, K2, P1, K3, YO, PssO, K1tbl.

After completing 12 rows, 10 st remain. Repeat these 12 rows 12 times.

Bag

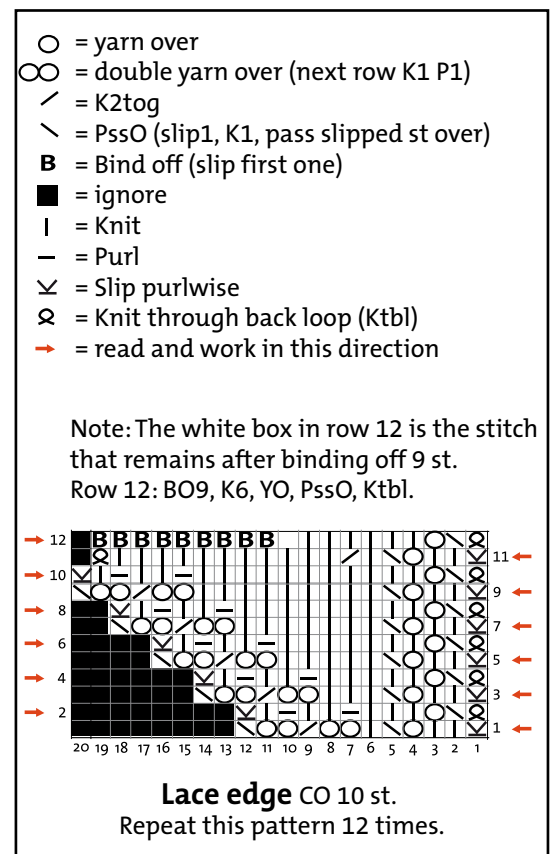
Follow chart on page 4.

CO 12 st, devided on 4 needles (double pointed). Close without twisting and knit one row. Use a safety pin to mark beginning of row. Start with chart row 1. Up until row 22 you increase by 8 st every second row (M). Work this chart from right to left every row because you knit in the round. The chart shows half of the bag. Do not move st to next needle!

Whenever there is an M at the beginning of a needle pick up the bridge in between the two needles. The M together with a decrease makes a tiny hole. The number of st stay the same.

In the straight part of the bag there are 92 st, 23 on every dpn.

After row 81 you knit 2 rows, followed by the row with holes for the drawstring. Follow the chart for this. Knit 3 more rows and bind off.



Blocking

Do not yet weave in ends. Dip for a few minutes in lukewarm water or Eucalan bath and press excess water out gently in a towel. Flatten work and pin out on blocking board. Measurements: 6 ³/₄ by 8 ⁶/₈ inch (17 cm wide and 22 cm deep for the bag. Measures can be different which is no problem as long as the length of the lace edge measures twice the width of the bag. Allow it to dry completely (24 hrs).

Twisted cord

Cut 4 yards (3.5 meters) of yarn. Twist it into a finished cord of 30 inches long with knots on both sides.

Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fftJO-p6xm0>

Weave the cord through the holes when the bag is finished. Make sure you end at one side of the bag (at the orange stitch marker in photo 1). Both ends should come out on the inside of the bag. Knot them together.



Tassel

Wind 50 times around the piece of cardboard. cut yarn but leave a tail of 15 inches (40 cm) and wrap this around 4 times while making a knot (photo1).

Slide off the cardboard while holding the wrapped side and cut all loops at once.(photo 2).

Now wrap a few times around this bundle just under the first wraps and use tapestry needle to stitch through and through a couple of times (photo3)

Sew this end neatly into the hole at the bottom of the bag (photo 4 to the right).



Lace edge:

Weave in all yarn tails except the one you can use to sew on the lace edge.

Matrass stitch the ends of the lace edge together. Put it around the top of the bag and first pin the two together to space out evenly, then sew them together (photo 5)



Note: You could make the bag without lining, but if you want to make the lining it's probably easier to put it in first and sew on the lace edge last.

For lining see next page.

Lining

Outline the shape of the bag on a piece of paper about 1/4 of an inch bigger than the bag. (photo 1). Cut paper (folded in two to make it symmetrical) on the outline.

Pin the paper model on two layers of fabric and cut it without a seam. (photo 2).

Sew fabric together on the machine but leave the top edge open. Sew about 1/2 inch from the edge. This way the lining gets a little smaller than the bag. Cut the seam to 1/4 of an inch (photo 3) and use zigzag stitch to finish the edge and zigzag around the top edge as well.

Put lining inside the knitted bag. (photo 4)

Use a sewing thread in the color of the wool. Hand sew the lining through and through at the 3 st decrease (the triangular shaped symbol in the chart on row 21). Do this at all four 3 st decreases.

Make a 1 inch seam in the top edge of the lining and pin this 2 or 3 rows below the cord holes. (photo 5).

Sew the top of the lining to the purl bumps of the bag (photo 6).

If you've already sewn on the lace edge, make sure to keep your fingers in between the bag and the lining (see photo 5-6)
Weave in cord, cut to desired length and knot together.



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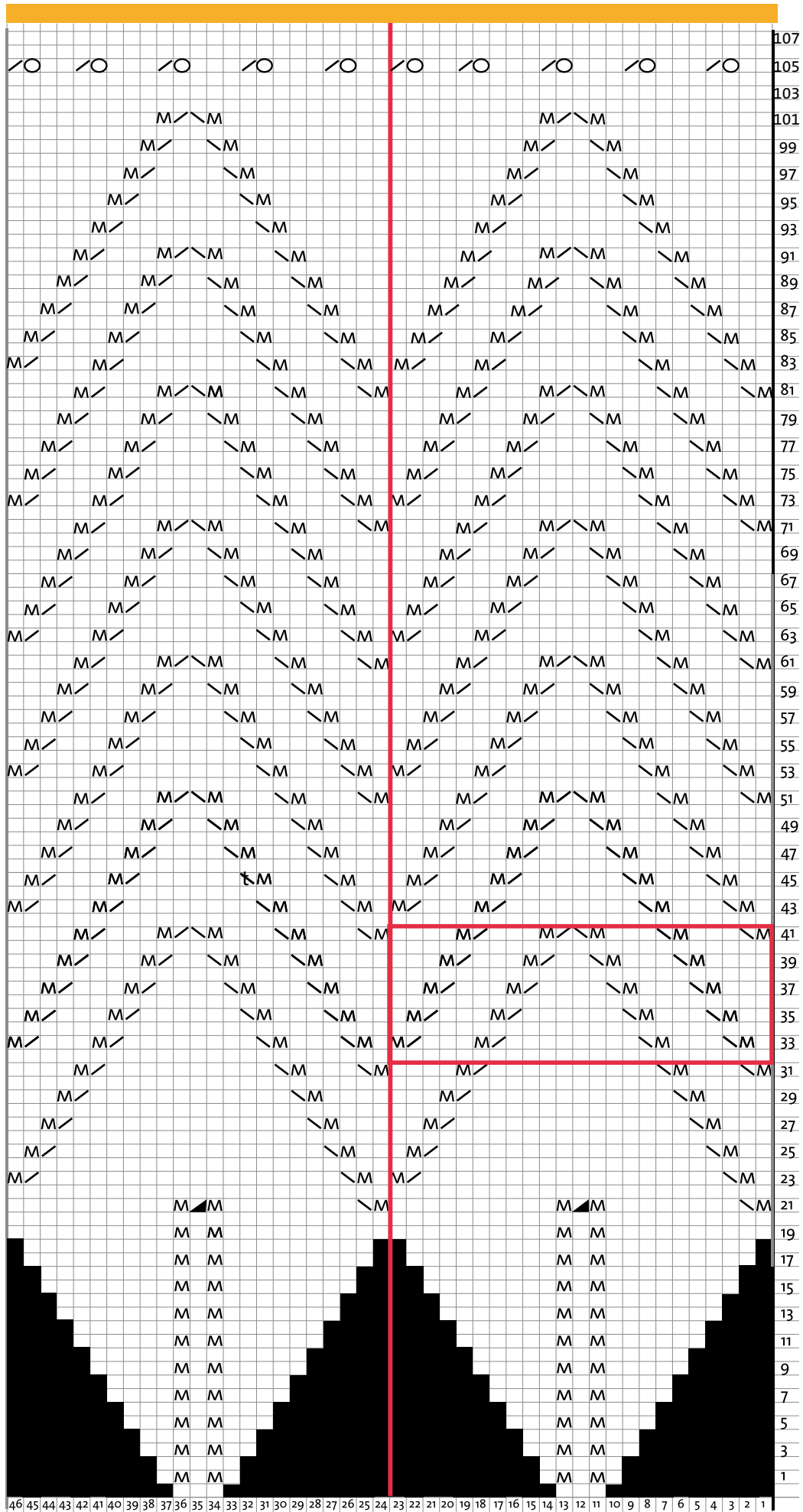
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- = Yarn Over.
- M = Make one by knitting bridge in between 2 st of prev. row.
- / = K2tog
- \ = PssO (Slip1, K1, pass slipped st over)
- (yellow) = Bind off.
- ▲ = Knit 3 together.
- (black) = Ignore.
- = Knit

Drawstring bag CO 12 st (3 on every needle)