Zipped Bag

Size
20 cm wide and 15 cm deep

Knit Kit
Yarn: Scheepjes Chunky Monkey:
1 x 100g ball in Iris shade 1277
1 x 100g ball in Fern shade 2016
Needles: straight 5mm
Cable Needle
18 cm chunky matching zip

Tension
16 sts and 21 rows to a 10 cm square with 5mm knitting needles in pattern. Each cable panel of 6 sts measures 3.2cm.

Abbreviations
st/sts – stitch/stitches
RS/WS- right side/wrong side
K/p- knit/purl
Rep/cont – repeat/continue
Pbf – purl into the back and front of a stitch to create an extra stitch
Ssk – slip, slip, knit: slip 2 sts knitwise one at a time to the right needle. Insert the left needle tip through these two slipped stitches and knit together
K2tog – knit two stitches together

Instructions
Bag.
Front and Back. Both Alike. Make 2.

Pattern note: the cable pattern is knitted with a combination of intarsia and stranded techniques. Each of the 3 colour cables use small amounts of Yarn. Measure out 4m of yarn for each cable and wind these into a small ball or onto a card. The other shade is stranded across the back.

First side: Yarn A: Iris shade 1277, Yarn B: Fern shade 2016
Second side: Yarn A: Fern shade 2016, Yarn B: Iris shade 1277

Using 5mm needles and Yarn A, cast on 32 sts loosely. Work the following set up row. Note it is a WS row.

Next row (WS): With Yarn A, k6, *(p1, pbf) twice, k4; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2. 38 sts.

Work in Cable Pattern as follows:
Row 1 (RS): With Yarn A, p6, *with Yarn B, k3, with Yarn A, k3, p4; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Row 2: With Yarn A, k2, *with Yarn A, k4, p3, with Yarn B, p3; rep from * to last 6 sts, with Yarn A, k6.

Row 3: With Yarn A, p6, *slip the 3 Yarn B sts onto a CN and hold at the front, with Yarn A, k3, then with Yarn B, k3 from the CN, with Yarn A, p4; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Row 4, 6, 8 and 10: With Yarn A, k2, *with Yarn A, k4, with Yarn B, p3, with Yarn A, p3; rep from * to last 6 sts, with Yarn A, k6.

Row 5, 7 and 9: With Yarn A, p6, *with Yarn A, k3, with Yarn B, k3, with Yarn A, p4; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Row 11: With Yarn A, p6, *slip the 3 Yarn A sts onto a CN and hold at the front, with Yarn B, k3, then with Yarn A, k3 from the CN, with Yarn A, p4; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Row 12: With Yarn A, k2, *with Yarn A, k4, p3, with Yarn B, p3; rep from * to last 6 sts, with Yarn A, k6.

Row 13 and 15: With Yarn A, p6, *with Yarn B, k3, with Yarn A, k3, p4; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Row 14 and 16: With Yarn A, k2, *with Yarn A, k4, p3, with Yarn B, p3; rep from * to last 6 sts, with Yarn A, k6.

These 16 rows form pattern. Rep the 16 rows once more.

Work the following dec row:

Next row (RS): With Yarn A, p6, *with Yarn B, k1, k2tog, with Yarn A, ssk, k1, p4; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2. 32 sts.

Cast off on the WS, using the Yarns as set.

Work the second side, reversing the shades.

Making Up

Place the back and front together, wrong sides together. Sew the cast on edges and side seams together. Insert zip. Make and attach a tassel to the zip fob in one or both shades.

Colour Cables

Heres how to do the colour work for the bag. Ive used a combination of intarsia and fair isle!

Step 1

Make 3 small balls of yarn B, approximately 4m long for each. Ive used sheep yarn bobbins here, but you can just wind them into a ball the yarn if that's easier!
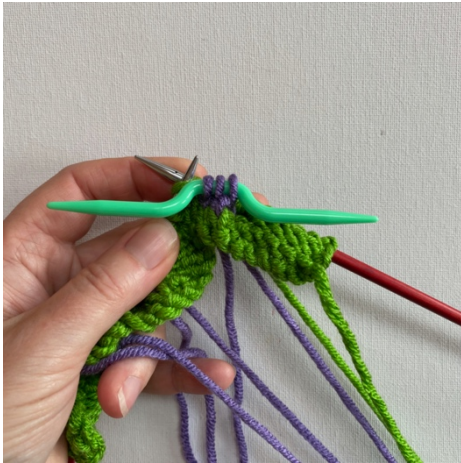
Step 2

Cast on the 32 stitches and work the first increase row. Now work row 1, attaching the colour yarn B balls for each of the 3 cable panels. You can see yarn A stranded across the back of the 3 stitch yarn B sections.

Step 3
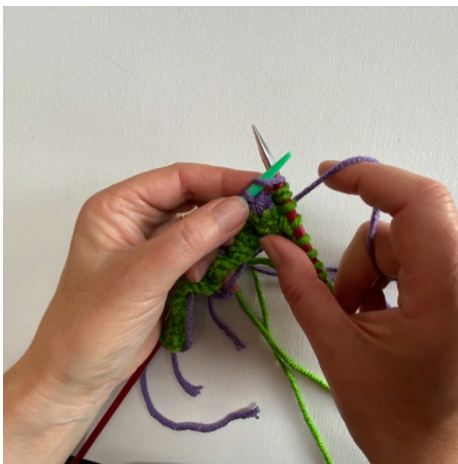

On row 2 of the pattern, make sure you twist the yarns when changing colour as you would for intarsia to avoid holes.

Step 4

Now on row 3, where the cable is worked, slip the 3 yarn B stitches onto the cable needle and hold at the front, k3 using yarn A.

Step 5

Now knit the 3 stitches from the cable needle using yarn B.

Step 6

Now bring yarn A to the front ready to purl the next section.

Step 7

At the end of row 3, the wrong side of your knitting looks like this; yarn stranded for the different cables, and the yarn stranded across the back for the cable. Continue for the whole pattern.

Making a Tassel

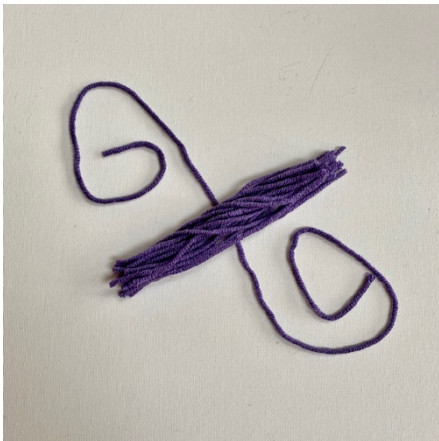Tassels are useful additions to projects. Here's how to make one!!

Step 1

Cut approximately 20 strands of yarn each 15cm long and one length of yarn approximately 80 cm long.

(don't worry if the ends aren't quite matching, you will be trimming these at the end.)

Step 2

Take the 80cm length of yarn and put the 20cm lengths across it, so that their middles lie across the 80cm length of yarn and their ends line up approximately (these will be trimmed after).

Step 3

Tie the 80cm length around these short lengths, so that each end is approximately the same length.

Step 4

Thread both these ends of the 80cm length onto a needle.

Step 5

Fold over the 15 cm ends so that they are all in one hand, and the knotted 80 cm length is at the top.

Step 6

Wrap the 80cm length round the shorter lengths approximately near the top of the knot. Make 5 or 6 tight wraps. Keep hold of these wraps with your right thumb and forefinger, so they don't slip.

Step 7

Push the needle up through the centre of the tassel, pulling the yarn through so it is tight to secure the wraps.

Step 8

Trim the ends of the tassel and use these two threads to attach the tassel to the zip fob.