

Bottle Gift Bag
designed by Kathy North

Classic Elite Yarns

Chesapeake

50% Organic Cotton • 50% Wool

Chesapeake, part of the Verde Collection of environmentally conscious yarns, is a wonderful combination of fibers in a yarn that takes you through all seasons. The blend of cool, crisp, organic cotton combined with extra soft Merino wool and the gauge of 5 sts per inch make this a great yarn for both adult and children's garments. The heathered colors are the lovely result of the different ways the vegetable and animal components take the dyes.

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

8" circumference x 10" tall
(unstretched).

Bag will stretch to fit a range of bottles from 8" to 11" tall.

YARN

Chesapeake by **Classic Elite Yarns**

(50% organic cotton, 50% merino;
50 g = approx 103 yards)

1 ball each:

MC – 5955 Shanghai Red

CC – 5997 Metro Green

NEEDLES

Double pointed knitting needles (set of 4) in sizes US 6 (4.25 mm) **or size to obtain gauge.**

OTHER MATERIALS

Stitch markers

GAUGE

20 sts and 28 rows = 4" in Stockinette stitch. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**





ABBREVIATIONS

approx: approximately
BO: bind off
CC: contrast color
CO: cast on
dec('d): decrease(d)
dpn: double pointed needle(s)
inc: increase
k: knit
k2tog: knit 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)
LH: left hand
MC: main color
p: purl
rep: repeat
RH: right hand
ssk (slip, slip, knit) slip 2 sts, 1 at a time, knitwise to the RH needle; insert tip of LH needle into the fronts of the two slipped sts and use RH needle to knit them together (1 st dec'd)
sk2p: slip 1 st knitwise, from the LH needle to the RH needle, k2tog, pass slipped st over knit st created by k2tog (2 sts dec'd)
yo: yarn over (1 st inc'd)
I-Cord: Using 2 dpns. *knit 1 row; without turning the work, slide the sts to the RH end of needle, pull yarn tightly from end of row, (behind the sts); rep from * until cord meas desired length.

NOTE

This bag is worked in the round from the lower edge to the top. Stitches are picked up around cast on edge and decreased to the center for base. An I-cord tie is woven through the eyelet round at upper edge to adjust the fit.

BOTTLE BAG

Lower edge: With CC, CO 35 sts. Knit and divide onto 3 dpn: 12 sts on first needle, 11 sts on second needle and 12 sts on third needle.
[Purl 1 rnd, k 1rnd] twice. Break CC.

Join MC and k 2 rnds.

(Note: Instructions for each needle are separated by a ";" in the Lace Arch pattern below.)

Set up rnd: K4, (p2, k2) twice; k 11; (k2, p2) twice, k4.

Est Lace Arch pattern:

Rnd 1: K12; k1, yo, k2tog, k5, ssk, yo, k1; k12.

Rnd 2 and all even-numbered rnds: K4, (p2, k2) twice; k11; (k2, p2) twice, k4.

Rnds 3 and 5: Rep rnd 1.

Rnd 7: K12; k1, yo, k3, sk2p, k3, yo, k1; k12.

Rnd 9: K12; k2, yo, k2, sk2p, k2, yo, k2; k12.

Rnd 11: K12; k3, yo, k1, sk2p, k1, yo, k3; k12.

Rnd 13: K12; k4, yo, sk2p, yo, k4; k12.

Rnd 14: K4, (p2, k2) twice; k11; (k2, p2) twice, k4.

Rep rnds 1-14 twice more. (Work an extra rep if longer bag is desired.)

Shape top: K 6 rnds even and inc 1 st on last rnd – 36 sts.

Eyelet rnd: *K4, yo, k2tog; rep from *.

K 5 rnds. Break MC. Join CC. [Knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd] 3 times. BO all sts loosely.

Base of bag: With CC and RS facing, pick up and k 36 sts along CO edge (12 sts each on 3 dpn). K 1 rnd even.

Dec rnd 1: *K4, k2tog; rep from * – 30 sts. K 1 rnd even.

Dec rnd 2: *K3, k2tog; rep from * – 24 sts. K 1 rnd even.

Dec rnd 3: *K2, k2tog; rep from * – 18 sts.

Dec rnd 3: *K1, k2tog; rep from * – 12 sts.

Dec rnd 4: K2tog 6 times – 6 sts.

Break yarn and thread tail through all sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.
Weave in ends.

Tie: With CC, CO 3 sts and work I-cord for 16". BO and weave in ends. Weave I-cord through eyelets.

About the Designer

Kathy is a retired catalog librarian whose work has appeared in CEY Web-letters, Knit Simple, Knit. 1, Crochet Today!, Knitscene, Creative Knitting, Your Knitting Life, Pattern-a-Day calendars and the books "Knit Noro" & "60 More Quick Knits", with more scheduled for publication. Kathy's designs are on Ravelry (ID: dbkn5) and her website www.designsbykn.com.