

Classic Elite Yarns

Provence Market Bag

Provence 100% mercerized Egyptian cotton

Provence is mercerized Egyptian cotton that knits up at 5 to 5½ stitches per inch, depending on needle size and the fabric you want.

Egyptian cotton has two qualities that make it a great cotton yarn: A very long staple (fiber) length with a small diameter. The long staple gives the yarn strength and sheen and the delicate diameter means that it spins into a soft, smooth yarn. Mercerizing makes a yarn that is stable, takes dye well, and is less likely to shrink.

Provence comes in a whopping 56 colors—make your market bag in a bright color, a neutral, something pastel, and/or basic black.

SIZE: One size

Finished Measurements: 34" circumference x 13" tall

MATERIALS:

Provence by **Classic Elite** (100% mercerized Egyptian cotton; 100 gram hank = approx 205 yards)

- 3 hanks 2667 Totally Teal

Needles

- One 29" circular size US 8 (5 mm)
- One set double pointed needles (dpns) size US 8 (5 mm) (optional)

Or size to obtain gauge

- Stitch marker

GAUGE: 17 sts and 34 rows = 4" in Garter Stitch with 2 strands of yarn held together. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**

SPECIAL TERMS:

p2tog: Purl 2 sts together (1 st decreased).

yo: Yarn over (1 st increased).

PATTERN STITCHES:

Garter Stitch (Gtr St):

Straight—Knit all sts

Circular—Rnd 1: Purl.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 for Circular Gtr St.

Mesh Stitch: (multiple of 2 sts)

Rnd 1: (WS) *P2tog, yo, rep from * around.

Rep Rnd 1 for Mesh St.

NOTE: Base, straps and top section of body are worked in Gtr St with 2 strands of yarn held together, majority of body is worked in Mesh St with a single strand of yarn.

BASE

With 2 strands of yarn held together, CO 20 sts. **(WS) Begin Gtr St;** work even until pc meas 14" from beg, end after a RS row.

BODY

Pick-up Row: Note: Dpns may need to be used to turn the corners. Leaving sts on circular needle, use RH needle to pick-up and knit 52 sts evenly spaced along closest side edge, 20 sts along CO edge and 52 sts along second side edge—144 sts. Place marker for beg-of-rnd (BOR), join to sts from last row of base to beg working in-the-rnd. **Change to Circular Gtr St;** work even for 8 rnds. Cut 1 strand of yarn, leaving a tail long enough to weave in. Remove marker, wyib, slip next st purlwise, bring yarn to the front, then slip the slipped st back to the LH needle, turn so the WS is facing. Replace BOR marker. **Note:** The Mesh St is worked with the WS facing. **Change to Mesh St;** (WS) work even for 11" from beg of Mesh St. Remove marker, wyib, slip next st purlwise, bring yarn to the front, then slip the slipped st back to the LH needle, turn so the RS is facing. Replace BOR marker. Join a second strand of yarn. **Change to Circular Gtr St;** (RS) with 2 strands of yarn held together, work even for 8 rnds. BO all sts purlwise.

STRAPS (make 2)

With 2 strands of yarn held together, CO 6 sts. **(RS) Begin Gtr St;** work even until pc meas 20" from beg, end after a RS row. (WS) BO all sts knitwise.

FINISHING

Lie bag flat and mark the center. Attach 1 strap as follows: sew CO edge of strap 4" to left of center, sew BO edge of strap 4" right of center. Flip bag over. Rep on other side with second strap. Block if desired.



ABBREVIATIONS

approx—approximately

beg—begin(ning)

BO—bind off

CO—cast on

dpn(s)—double pointed needle(s)

Gtr st—Garter Stitch

meas—measures

p2tog—see Special Terms

pc—piece

rep—repeat

RH—right hand

rnd(s)—round(s)

RS—right side

st(s)—stitch(es)

WS—wrong side

wyib—with yarn in back

yo—see Special Terms