

Provence Fair Isle Bag

designed by Susan Mills

Classic Elite Yarns

The Yarn

Provence

100% Mercerized Egyptian Cotton

Provence, one of our signature yarns, is a mercerized Egyptian cotton that knits into a strong and beautiful fabric. Egyptian cotton has two qualities that make it a great cotton yarn: a very long staple (fiber) length and 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.

The Pattern

Skill Level: Intermediate

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: approx. 11½" wide x 13½" tall plus strap

YARN:

Provence by **Classic Elite**

(100% mercerized Egyptian cotton;
100 gram hank = approx 205 yards)

MC – 26657 Sea blue

A – 26671 Hot pink

B – 26603 Dove gray

C – 26685 Marmalade

D – 26697 Army

NEEDLES AND OTHER MATERIALS:

Circular knitting needle (16") in size US 5 (3.75 mm) and a set of double pointed needles (dpns) in size US 5 (3.75 mm) **or size to obtain gauge.**

Extra needle size US 5 (3.75 mm) for three needle bind off

Scrap yarn for Provisional CO

Stitch marker

Fabric for lining (optional)

GAUGE:

22 sts and 28 rows = 4" in St st. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**



Dianthus pattern (pink tank top)
available in Garden Gate booklet #9138

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ABBREVIATIONS:

approx: approximately
CO: cast on
est: establish(ed)
k: knit
MC: main color
p: purl
rem: remain
rnd: round(s)
st(s): stitch(es)
tog: together

PATTERN STITCHES:

Stockinette Stitch: (St st)

Knit all sts, every rnd.

Provisional Cast-on Method: See tutorial on the Classic Elite website: www.classicelityarns.com/WebLetter/Stitches/ProvCO/ProvCO.php

Three Needle Bind Off Method:

Slip the sts from holders onto each of 2 needles; with the right side of garment pcs together (to form ridge on inside of garment), hold the needles parallel. With a third needle knit the first st of front and back needles together, *knit next st from each needle together, (2 sts on right hand needle), BO 1 st; rep from * until all sts are BO.

BAG:

Strap:

With MC, use provisional cast on method to CO 10 sts. Join to work in the rnd and arrange the sts on 3 dpn and work as follows:

Needle 1: P1, k3,

Needle 2: K1, p1, k1,

Needle 3: K3.

Work as est until strap meas 24" or desired length.

Body:

Slip the first 2 sts from needle 2 to the end of needle 1 and sl the rem st from needle 2 to needle 3. With needle 3 held behind needle 1, p1 from needle 1, purl the next st on needles 1 and 3 tog, (k the next st from needle 1 and 3 tog) twice, purl the next st on needles 1 and 3 tog, purl the rem st from needle 1. Transfer these sts to circular needle, CO 54 sts and rep between **s with sts from provisional cast on. CO 54 sts – 120 sts. P2, k1, place marker for beg-of-rnd and join to beg working in-the-rnd, being careful not to twist sts.

Est rib: K1, *p2, k2; rep from * to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

Work 5 more rnds in rib as est.

Work stripes in St st as follows: 5 rnds MC, 3 rnds B, 6 rnds A, 4 rnds D, 3 rnds B, 9 rnds MC, 3 rnds C, 12 rnds MC, 4 rnds A, 3 rnds B, 4 rnds C, and 4 rnds D.

Work 17 rnds of fair isle chart.

Work stripe as follows: 4 rnds D, 3 rnds MC, 2 rnds B, and 3 rnds MC.

FINISHING

Fold in half, with right sides of bag facing each other, work three needle bind off. Weave in ends. Line with fabric if desired.

Fair Isle Chart
(multiple of 12 sts; over 17 rnds)

