

Little Knitted Acorn Project Bag

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This is a knitted interpretation of Brigitte Read's crocheted "[Little Acorn Project Bag](#)".



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Materials

- ◆ Worsted or Aran Wt. Wool Yarn, approximately 50g for Acorn & 25g for Cap (your yardage may vary)
- ◆ Set of Five 3mm & 3.25mm Double Pointed Needles (or size needed to achieve gauge)
- ◆ 3.5mm Crochet Hook
- ◆ Yarn Needle
- ◆ 4 Large Buttons or Beads
- ◆ 1 Small Bleach Bottle, empty & thoroughly washed (optional)
- ◆ Stuffing or Scrap Yarn (optional)

Gauge

20 sts/28 rows per 4" in stockingette stitch on smaller needles

Pattern

Seed Stitch

Rnd 1: (K1, P1) repeat to end of round.

Rnd 2: (P1, K1) repeat to end of round.

ACORN

This piece is knitted from the top down.

Using smaller needles, cast on 80 sts, dividing evenly over 4 needles (20 sts per needle). Join, being careful not to twist. Place marker or use yarn tail to mark beginning of round.

Work seed stitch in the round for 1" (approx. 7 rnds).

Work in stockingette stitch (knit every stitch) for another 3" until piece from beginning measures 4".

We will now start to decrease for the pointed bottom of the acorn:

Dec. Rnd 1: (K8, K2tog) repeat to end of round.

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Rnds 2-3: Knit to end of round.
Rnd 4: (K7, K2tog) repeat to end of round.
Rnds 5-6: Knit to end of round.
Rnd 7: (K6, K2tog) repeat to end of round.
Rnds 8-9: Knit to end of round.

Continue to decrease in this manner until 8 sts in total remain. At this point, cut your yarn, run the end through the remaining stitches & pull tight. Darn in your ends using yarn needle.



CAP

Using larger needles, cast on 84 sts, dividing over 4 needles in the following manner: 20 sts on 1st & 3rd needles, 22 on 2nd & 4th needles. Join, being careful not to twist. Place marker or use yarn tail to mark beginning of round.

Work seed stitch in the round for 10 rounds.

Next 2 rnds: Purl to end of round. (This will create the folded edge of the cap.)

At this point, re-adjust the stitches so that each needle holds 21 sts.

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Rnd 1: (P1, [P1, K1] to the last 2 sts on the needle, P2) 4 times.

Rnd 2: ([P1, K1] to the last st on the needle, P1) 4 times.

Rnd 3: (P1, SSK, [P1, K1] to the last 4 sts on the needle, P1 K2tog, P1) 4 times.

Repeat these 3 rounds 8 times. There will be 5 sts remaining on each needle.

Repeat Rnds 1 & 2 once more.

Next Rnd: (P1, slip next 2 sts as if to K2tog, K1, pass the 2 slipped sts over, P1) 4 times.

Final Rnd: (K1, K2tog) repeat to end of round.

Cut yarn leaving a 16" tail and run through remaining 8 sts. Fasten off.

STEM

Using smaller needles, cast on 8 sts, dividing over 4 needles (2 sts per needle). Join, being careful not to twist. Place marker or use yarn tail to mark beginning of round.

Knit every round until stem measures 2.5".

Next rnd: (K2tog) repeat to end of round.

Cut yarn, leaving a 24" tail. Run yarn through remaining 4 sts and fasten off.

Using tail from the cap, sew the 8 st cast on edge of the stem in place on the centre of the cap.

Using crochet hook and the tail of the stem, chain until you almost run out of yarn (or until loop when folded is the desired length), leaving about 3" of yarn to sew the end of chain to stem to create a carrying loop.

Finishing

Firmly sew beads/buttons evenly around the acorn body, approx. 1 ¾" below the rim.

Using crochet hook, chain corresponding loops on the cap to go around beads/buttons. This is what holds the bag together.

Darn in your ends.

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OPTIONAL LINING

Insert empty bleach bottle into the acorn body and mark the bottle a half inch shorter than the rim of the bag.

Take it out and carefully cut around the bottle (don't worry about neatness, we'll clean it up in a minute). At this point, fully wash and dry the inside of the bottle. (You can re-use the handled top as a scoop, large funnel or many other craft projects.)

Take a barbecue or cigarette lighter and carefully melt down the cut edge of the bottle, this way it won't be sharp in any way.

Next, find yourself a sharp screw-like object (I used a cup hook) and make holes around the liner about a quarter inch below the cut & melted edge.



Now, with the stuffing or scrap yarn, stuff the bottom of the acorn body firmly so that when the liner is inserted it doesn't lose its shape.

Insert the liner and sew through the holes just made using a running stitch and the same yarn as the body of the acorn. The sewn stitches should be hidden by the inch of seed stitch at the top of the acorn. Do not fasten off, just tie it into a bow. This way you can remove it, should you want to wash the bag in the future.

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This liner will stop any sharp objects from poking through the fabric of the bag (ie. DPNs, etc.), adds structure to the acorn base and allows your ball of yarn to sit flat & spin freely as you knit.



The bag is large enough to hold an entire ball of sock yarn, your printed pattern (folded and stuck down around the outside of the ball), and your sock in progress in the cap.

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The hanging loop is large enough that you can hang it from your arm and knit while walking or hang it off the arm of a chair out of the way.



If you're adventurous & organized, make a bunch of them for each of your little knitting projects and hang them on wall hooks so that they're ready to go when you are. Kids love them too.

However you use your bag, I hope you enjoy it!

Mine never fails to make me smile :)

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