

# Patchwork Shopping Bag



Materials: 150g DK cotton or similar [about 260m]

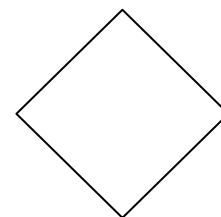
Equipment: 3.75 mm needles were used for this one, but you could use smaller [or larger] ones for a different effect

Gauge: not important but about 6 sts /inch

Finished bag is about 11" wide/ square

## First Square

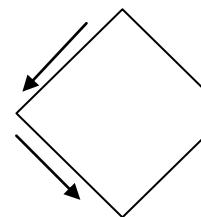
1. Cast on 71 sts.
2. 1<sup>st</sup> row: K into back of 1<sup>st</sup> st. K to last st, yarn forward, slip stitch purlwise
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> row: K into back of 1<sup>st</sup> st., K 33, slip 1, K2tog, psso, K33, yarn forward, slip stitch purlwise
4. 3<sup>rd</sup> row: as 1<sup>st</sup>
5. 4<sup>th</sup> row: K into back of 1<sup>st</sup> st., K 32, slip 1, K2tog, psso, K32, yarn forward, slip stitch purlwise
6. Continue in this way, with decrease rows [right side] having one fewer knit stitch either side of decrease each time, until you have only 3 sts remaining
7. K3 tog. Keep the stitch on your needle.



You will now pick up from this square: the arrows point to the edges mentioned

## Second square

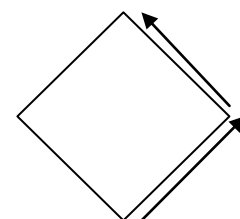
You now have 1 stitch on your needle. Using this as the first stitch, pick up and knit another 35 stitches along the edge of your square [right side facing]. Then turn the corner of the square, and pick up a further 35 stitches along the adjacent edge. This is your cast on row.



Now repeat stages 2-7 of the first square, and cast off the remaining stitch.

## Third square

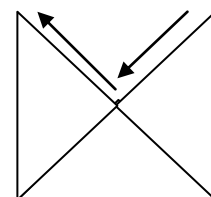
Pick up from the right side the remaining edges of your first square – 36 sts along one edge, then 35 stitches along the adjacent edge. Continue as for second square, but do not cast off.



## Fourth square

Pick up in the V shape between your second and third square, and knit this fourth square as for the others, except:

When you have 15 stitches remaining, continue knitting straight without decreasing for 10 rows. Cast off.



## Fifth square

As Fourth square, but on other side. Join cast off edges.