



Fruit and Vegetable Market Bag

Use a light worsted weight cotton or cotton blend, such as Tahki Cotton Classic. Choose colors that mimic your favorite fruit or vegetable—for example, dark purple for the MC and green for the CC makes an eggplant or a grape; use red instead for the main color and you've got a tomato or a strawberry!

Materials: Light worsted weight cotton or cotton blend: MC: 218 (327) yards; CC: 109 yards
#5 16" and 24" circular and doublepointed needles; #8 24" circular needle

Abbreviations: st/sts: stitch/stitches; CO: cast on; k: knit; p: purl; pm, place marker; k2tog: knit two stitches together (decrease); YO, yarnover (increase); PU, pick up; BO, bind off

BASE: With #5 16" circular needle and MC, CO 120 sts (pm every 20 sts; use a different color marker to indicate beginning of round). *HINT: In addition to regular stitch markers, place 6 coilless pins along the outer edge, corresponding to the stitch markers. These pins will remain on the outside edge until you pick up stitches for the body of the bag.*

Join and work in rounds as follows: Work in garter stitch (knit 1 round, purl 1 round), decreasing on every KNIT round as foll: *knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog*, rep between *s around entire round—6 sts decreased.

Work in this way, changing to DPNs when necessary, until only 6 sts remain. Cut yarn, leaving 8" tail. Put tail on tapestry needle, run through 6 remaining sts, draw up tight.

BODY: With #8 24" circular needle and MC, PU 120 sts around edge of base (PU 20 sts between each set of coilless pins, see HINT above; remove coilless pins as you pick up the stitches). Join, pm at beginning of round. Knit one round, then begin pattern stitch:

Round 1: *K2tog, YO* repeat between *s all the way around

Rounds 2 and 3: knit

Repeat these three rounds until bag measures desired height from beginning of pattern stitch—to end of second skein for smaller bag, or to @12" (25 repeats) for larger bag. END AFTER ROUND 3.

Change to CC and #5 24" circular needle and work in garter st (knit 1 round, purl 1 round) for 6 rounds (3 garter ridges).

HANDLES: On next round, K 35, BO 20, K 40, BO 20, K5

On next round, P 35, CO 30, P 40, CO 30, P5. *HINT: Use backward loop CO, twisting each loop one additional time, and place sts onto righthand needle.*

Work in garter stitch (knit 1 round, purl 1 round) for 6 rounds (3 garter ridges). BO all stitches loosely, then weave in ends.



Eggplant (large), watermelon (small), avocado (large)