

Plastic City

Make your own METABAG!



Part 2: Knit the bag

Skills/abbreviations used:

Cast on CO

Knit stitch KS

3 needle bind off 3NBO

Pick up stitches

Bind off normally BO

Materials needed:

Bag yarn from about 12 bags, plus

1 straight 5.5 mm size needle

Size 5.5 mm, max 29" circular needles

Stitch marker*

Iron* optional*

To make the body:

With size 5.5 mm max 29" long circular needles, cast on 84 stitches. Join the ends (mark with a stitch marker if you like) and knit in the round until the piece measures 13" long.

Starting at the beginning of the round, 3NBO.

To make the handles:

At the open end of the bag body, at the beginning of the round (there will be a tail from where you joined the ends) pick up 12 stitches with the same circular needle.

Now, cast on 30 stitches.

Counting 18 stitches from where you stopped picking up stitches, pick up another 24 stitches.

Cast on 30 stitches.

Count another 18 stitches, and pick up the remaining 12 stitches.

Arrange the stitches on the needle so that you start knitting at the beginning of one of the pick up sections.

Knit in the round for 2 inches.

Bind off all stitches.

Optional:

To flatten and lightly fuse the bag, you can iron it. Do so very carefully! Place a sheet of parchment paper inside the bag, and one on top. On the lowest dry setting of your iron, move it around the bag quickly, checking often to make sure it's not melting significantly. Do not let the iron sit or stop moving. Flip the bag over to do the other side.