



Gift bags

Keep extra-special gifts, like jewellery, inside one of these pretty gift bags **BY VAL PIERCE**

Start knitting today! ➤➤

Pattern details

You will need...

- ✓ **Yarn**
1 x 50g balls of Patons Diploma Gold DK in Cream (shade 6142) and Blue (shade 6220)
- ✓ **Needles**
3.75mm (UK size 9) knitting needles
- ✓ **Other**
Matching narrow ribbon
Small pearl beads
Shell heart-shaped beads
Blunt-ended sewing needle for threading ribbon

Finished size

12cm or 4³/₄in long, when folded and sewn together

Abbreviations

cm	centimetre(s)
dec	decrease
in	inch(es)
inc	increase
K	knit
P	purl
patt	pattern
rem	remaining
RS	right side
skpo	sl1, K1, pass the slipped stitch over
st(s)	stitch(es)
st st	stocking stitch
WS	wrong side
yf	yarn forward

Start here!

GIFT BAG 1

Using chosen colour and 3.75mm needles, **cast on** 27sts.

Work eight rows in moss stitch.

Work in stocking stitch with moss stitch panel as follows:

Row 1: K10, moss stitch 7, K10.

Row 2: P10, moss stitch 7, P10.

Repeat last two rows five more times.

Now proceed in st st over all stitches until piece measures 20cm or 8in from beginning.

Change to moss stitch and work a further eight rows. Cast off.

GIFT BAG 2

Using appropriate colour and 3.75mm needles, **cast on** 27sts.

Work eight rows in moss stitch.

Change to st st and work 14 rows, ending with a

purl row.

***Work two rows in moss stitch.

Work four rows in st st.

Work two rows in moss stitch.***

Continue by working in stocking stitch for a further 12 rows.

Repeat from *** to ***.

Now continue in st st for a further 14 rows.

Change to moss stitch for eight rows, and cast off.

MAKING UP

With right sides facing inside, fold in half lengthwise, and join the two side edges neatly. Turn right sides out. Using a blunt-ended needle, thread the ribbon through the knitted fabric around the top of the bag, and tie at the centre front. Sew the pearl beads onto the bottom of the bag, or alternately sew on the heart shell beads around the bottom of the bag, as shown in the photograph.

