

LIFE'S A BEACH

Summery stripes add bags of style to this must-knit tote. By **Sarah Murray**.

FRESH AND
FUN FOR
ALL AGES!

CHOOSE YOUR OWN
COLOUR SEQUENCE FOR
THIS STRIPY BAG AND
CREATE A PIECE
THAT'S UNIQUE!



BEACH BAG PATTERN



YOU WILL NEED

- Cascade, Ultra Pima (100% Pima cotton, 100g/200m)
1 skein of each:

Yarn A Sprout (3740)

Yarn B Chartreuse (3746)

Yarn C Buttercup (3748)

- A pair of 3¼mm needles

For yarn stockists contact

LoveCrafts www.lovecrafts.com

TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension: 21 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3¼mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

34x34cm

ABBREVIATIONS

See www.gathered.how

Knitted in cool cotton yarn, our beach bag is guaranteed to keep you looking and feeling fresh this summer. There's room for all your essentials, while the zingy colours will get you noticed as you hit the beach or pool. And when you're not lounging by the water's edge, it also doubles up as a perfect shopping bag for market days.



K FRONT & BACK (MAKE 2 THE SAME)

Cast on 72 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

****Next row** Knit.

Next row Purl.

Row 1 K1, *K1, yfwd, k2tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 2 P1, *P2, K1; rep from * to last 2 sts, P2.

Row 3 K1, *K1, k2tog, yfwd; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 4 P2, *K1, P2; rep from * to last st, P1.

Rows 1–4 form patt. Rep rows 1–4 three times more, then rows 1 & 2 once more.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.**

With Yarn C, knit 2 rows.

With Yarn B, work from ** to **.

With Yarn A, knit 2 rows.

With Yarn C, work from ** to **.

With Yarn A, knit 2 rows.

With Yarn B, work from ** to **.

With Yarn C, knit 2 rows.

With Yarn A, work from ** to **.

Knit 3 rows.

Cast off knitwise.

HANDLES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 135 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Knit 2 rows.

With Yarn B, knit 2 rows.

With Yarn C, knit 2 rows.

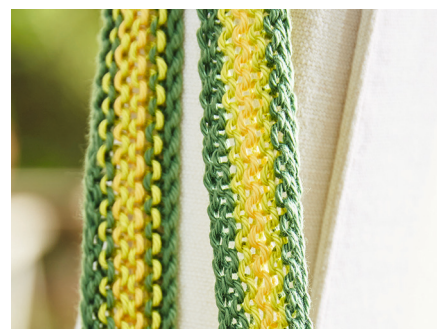
With Yarn B, knit 2 rows.

With Yarn A, knit 2 rows.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Join side and bottom seams. Sew handles in place using photo as a guide.



Work the same colour sequence for the handles, knitted in easy garter stitch.



This delicate lace pattern is a repeat of just four rows, so it's easy to pick up.