



Lacy Recyclibag

*An Eco-Friendly Bag Pattern
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Although I'm sure most of us try our best to forgo plastic bags at stores, there always seems to be a small stash of them hanging around the house, am I right? And usually there's no good place to put them. I've designed this bag to hold all of those excess plastic bags attractively and compactly in your kitchen or pantry. It holds a surprising number of bags and will expand to meet most of your plastic bag storage needs. You could even make a longer one or wider one, if necessary. It's a fun, quick and economical knit using only one skein of a springy, soft organic wool. Enjoy!

Yarn:

Green Mountain Spinnery "New Mexico Organic", color 6679 (natural), 100% organic wool, 2 ply DK weight, 180 yards/ 2 oz., 1 skein.

Needles:

US 6 & 7 (5 dpns or 32-40" circular needle for Magic Loop)

Gauge:

5 stitches and **7 rows** to **1 inch** in stockinette

Other Materials Needed:

1 yard of recycled ribbon or cord, tapestry needle, scissors, 20 yards or less of scrap yarn and/or other accessories for embellishment

Dimensions:

Approx. **20" long** and **5" wide** after a light steaming/setting

Directions:

Using the smaller needle, **CO 32** stitches loosely. Arrange evenly on needles. Making sure that the stitches are not twisted, join in the round.

Work in (k1, p1) ribbing for **3"**.

Knit 1 round.

*[(k2, M1)8x, k2]*repeat once more. - increased to **48 stitches**.

Change to larger needles.

K across round for **4"**.

Decrease 4 stitches evenly across the next round - decreased to **44 stitches**.

Begin LACY PATTERN:

Round 1: *(k3, yo, s2kp, yo)...*repeat across round

Round 2: knit around

Round 3: *(yo, s2kp, yo, k3)....*repeat across round

Round 4: knit around

Repeat these 4 rounds until Lacy Pattern measures **3.5"**.

Knit two rounds.

Purl one round.

Knit 3 rounds.

Repeat Lacy Pattern for **another 3.5"**

Knit 1 round.

Increase 4 stitches evenly across the next round - increased back to **48 stitches**.

K across round for **2.5"**.

*(k2tog, yo)....*repeat across round.

Knit 2 rounds.

Next round: KF&B in each stitch across round - increased to **76 stitches**.

Knit 5 rounds.

Bind off **VERY LOOSELY!**

Finishing:

Thread a 1 yard piece of recycled yarn (in your favorite color or coordinating color of your kitchen) or cord through each of the “yo” holes near the top of the bag. Tie in an overhand knot very close to the ends. Use this to pull tightly when the Recyclibag is full of bag for closure and for hanging.

Embellish the stockinette areas of the bag with scrap yarn from your stash to make flowers, snowflakes or any other shapes you desire. You can add buttons or other fun accessories as well. Make it attractive and fun ;)

Hang the Recyclibag in a place which would be convenient and also in sight of where you regularly work in the kitchen, so you'll remember to reuse your bags.



Other uses for your plastic bags:

- trash bag liners
- clean up kitty or dog “doody”
- cut bags into strips and weave into a larger, stronger bag
- containment for dirty diapers

- carrying wet swimsuits
- lightweight knitting project bag (popular with the guys)
- covering your head when hot oil conditioning
- perfect place to store ribbons, bows and other wrapping equipment for later use
- cover for an inground pool skimmer during the winter
- hang on a hook in your child's room for their dirty clothes. Makes taking their own laundry to be washed MUCH easier!
- storage for kitchen compost scraps....can be washed and reused again

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