



...entrelac suki... finished size :: 23" circumference, 16" height

k = knit & p = purl

s = slip one stitch, knitwise if knit row, purlwise if purl row

ssk = slip one stitch knitwise, slip one stitch purlwise, insert left needle in front of these 2 stitches and knit 2 together

sssk = slip one stitch knitwise, slip one stitch purlwise, slip one stitch purlwise, insert left needle in front of these 3 stitches and knit 3 together

tw = turn work

yarn : approximately 400 yards of Noro Kureyon or any 100% worsted or bulky weight wool other than superwash(superwash will not felt). frou frou bit : 100 yards of any eyelash fun yarn(sample done in Whimsey)

U.S. #7 needles. I used double pointed (10 of them!) but circular would also work, perhaps 2 circulars would be more comfortable than one.

gauge is not important ! A bag can be made wider or thinner by starting with more or less stitches, they need only be divisible by 11.

Using circular needle and Kureyon, cast on 99 stitches.

With one strand kureyon and 2 strands eyelash, join and knit 5 rounds. (here, also, you could make more or less frou frou by adding or subtracting rows or using more or less strands of frou frou)



****base triangles. worked over 11 stitches****

row 1 : right side facing, using Kureyon only, k 2 , tw

row 2 : s 1 , p 1, tw

row 3: s 1 , k 2, tw

row 4: s 1, p 2, tw

row 5: s 1, k 2, ssk, tw

row 6: s 1, p 3, tw

row 7: s 1, k 4, tw

row 8: s 1. p 4, tw

row 9: s 1, k 5, tw
row 10: s 1, p 5, tw
row 11: s 1, k 5, ssk, tw
row 12: s 1, p 6, tw
row 13: s 1, k 7, tw
row 14: s 1, p 7, tw
row 15: s 1, k 8 ...do not turn

repeat these 15 rows till you have worked all 99 stitches. there will be 9 triangles each with 9 stitches

****first row rectangles worked onto base triangles****

row 1 : begin on reverse side. pick up 8 stitches purlwise downward along triangle. p first stitch from next needle, tw
row 2 : s 1, k 8, tw
row 3 : s 1, p 7, p 2 together, tw
row 4-16 : repeat rows 2 & 3
row 17 : s 1, p 7 ,p 2 together, do not turn...

repeat till you have worked 9 rectangles. each rectangle will have 9 stitches

****2nd row rectangles worked onto first****

row 1 : begin with right side facing. pick up 9 stitches along rectangle. slip last picked up stitch onto left needle, ssk, tw
row 2 : s 1, p 8, tw
row 3 : s 1, k 7, ssk, tw
rows 4-16 repeat 2 & 3
row 17 : s1, k 7, ssk, do not turn
repeat till you have worked 9 rectangles. each rectangle will have 9 stitches

repeat these 2 sets of rectangle rows 3 times, then first row of rectangles once. there are now 9 rows of rectangles below beginning triangles.

now we are going to make the cutest bag bottom ever...



**** bottom decreases****

first decrease row (pink in photo)

row 1 : right side facing. pick up 8 stitches knitwise along rectangle. slip last picked up stitch onto left needle, ssk, tw
 row 2 : s 1, p 7, tw
 row 3 : s 1, k 6, ssk, tw
 row 4 : s 1, p 7, tw
 row 5 : s 1, k 6, sssk, tw (this is the different row, using an extra stitch from previous row of rectangles)
 row 6-14 : repeating rows 2 & 3
 row 15 : s 1, k 6, ssk, do not turn

repeat until you have worked 9 rectangles, each containing 8 stitches

2nd decrease row (gold in photo)

row 1 : begin on reverse side. pick up 6 stitches purlwise along rectangle. p first stitch from next needle, tw
 row 2 : s 1, k 6, tw
 row 3 : s 1, p 5, p 2 together, tw
 row 4 : s 1, k 6, tw
 row 5 : s 1, p 5, p 3 together, tw (this is the different row, using an extra stitch from the previous row of rectangles)
 row 6-12 : repeat rows 2 & 3
 row 13 : s 1, p 5, p 2 together, do not turn

repeat until you have worked 9 rectangles, each containing 7 stitches

3rd decrease row (gray/brown in photo)

row 1 : right side facing, pick up 5 stitches knitwise along rectangle. slip last
picked up stitch onto left needle, ssk, tw
row 2 : s 1, p 4, tw
row 3 : s 1, k 3, ssk, tw
row 4 : s 1, p 4, tw
row 5 : s 1, k 3, sssk, tw (this is the different row, using an extra stitch from
previous row of rectangles)
row 6-10 : repeat rows 2 & 3
row 11 : s 1, k 3, ssk, do not turn

repeat until you have worked 9 rectangles, each containing 5 stitches

4th decrease row

(yellow green in photo, both 4th and 5th decrease rounds done in yellow green)

row 1 : begin on reverse side. pick up 4 stitches purlwise, slip last picked up stitch
onto left needle, p 2 together, tw
row 2 : s 1, k 3, tw
row 3 : s 1, p 2, p 2 together, tw
row 4 : s 1, k 3, tw
row 5 : s 1, p 2, p 3 together (this is the different row, using an extra stitch from
the previous row of rectangles)
row 6 : s 1, k 3, tw
row 7 : s 1, p2, p 2 together, do not turn

repeat until you have worked 9 rectangles, each containing 4 stitches

5th decrease row

row 1 : right side facing, pick up 3 stitches knitwise along rectangle. slip last
picked up stitch onto left needle, ssk, tw
row 2 : s 1, p 2, tw
row 3 : s 1, k 1, sssk, tw
row 4 : s 1, p 2, tw
row 5 : s 1, k 1 ssk, do not turn

repeat until you have worked 9 rectangles, each containing 3 stitches

knit one round, picking up one stitch between each rectangle. at this point
separated onto 3 needles, each with 12 stitches (36 altogether)

next round : k 2 together. repeat all the way around. (18 stitches)

k one round

next round : k 2 together, repeat all the way around (9 stitches)

k one round

next round : k 2 together 3 times, k 1 (4 stitches)

k these 4 stitches in i-cord for 3 to 4 inches. bind off, tie into knot. i-cord is made by knitting 4 stitches using double pointed needle, at end of row, move the stitches back to the right side of needle and knit them again, over and again, creating a tube of knitted stitches.

****handles****

knit 2 handles : cast on 11 stitches, knit back and forth for 14 inches, always slipping the first stitch. Bind off. Fold in half and stitch it up. Sew these on after felting.

****felting****

There are several methods for felting. I use washing machine, placing piece inside an old pillowcase and rubberbanding it closed. This keeps all the felting debris contained within. Using the machines hot setting agitate piece for 15 minutes, remove and run under cold water, check size. Repeat this until you are satisfied with looks and size of felted piece. This can happen quickly or take 4 or 5 repeats, depending on yarn. When you have reached the size/look you like, let the washer run its spin cycle, still keeping piece inside pillowcase. Pull bag into shape and allow to dry. Stuffing with plastic bags can help to hold shape.

This entrelac suki is a variation on the original pattern by Kathy Wortel. The original free pattern can be found on line at knitty.com (winter 2002 issue)

Next page contains some photos that may be helpful...

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the slipped stitches that begin each row make it easy to see where to pick up stitches on following rows.



when you reach ssk, or p 2 together you should be at a stitch of a different color



when changing color, a square knot on the inside holds up well during felting.

