

Simple chalk bag
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This simple fabric-lined drawstring bag is designed to hold chalk for rock climbing. The bag is knit in one piece from the top down and has a circular bottom. The top edge is folded down to create a casing for the I-cord drawstring.

You will need:

US 5 double-pointed needles
Aran or worsted weight yarn (bag is shown in [Premier Yarns Everyday Worsted](#), 100% acrylic, colors Steel and Bright Violet)
Tapestry needle
Sewing needle and thread
¼ yard cotton or fleece fabric for lining



Gauge: 20 stitches/28 rows of stockinette per four inches

Finished size: 6.25 inches tall, 6.25 inches wide. Base diameter 4.25 inches.

Drawstring casing:

Cast on 56 stitches and join to work in the round.

Rounds 1-7: Knit

Round 8: Purl.

Rounds 9-11: Knit.

Round 12: K2, yo wrapping twice, k2tog, K5, yo wrapping twice, K2tog, knit to end of round.

Round 13: K1, k2tog twice, k3, k2tog twice, knit to end of round.

Rounds 14-15: Knit.

Body:

Knit all rounds until bag measures 6 inches or desired finished height, measured from purled round. For planning colorwork or patterns, this is approximately 42 rounds. See page three for suggested patterns.

Bottom:

Purl one round.

Begin decreases for bottom of bag.

Round 1: *K5, k2tog, repeat from * to end of round (48 stitches remain).

Rounds 2 and 3: Knit.

Round 4: *K4, k2tog*, repeat from * to end of round (40 stitches remain).

Rounds 5 and 6: Knit.

Round 7: *K3, k2tog, repeat from * to end of round (32 stitches remain).

Round 8: *K2, k2tog, repeat from * to end of round (24 stitches remain).

Round 9: *K1, k2tog, repeat from * to end of round (16 stitches remain).

Rounds 10 and 11: k2tog, repeat to end of round (8 stitches remain; 4 stitches remain).

Cut yarn, thread through remaining stitches, and pull tight to close bottom of bag.

Hanging loop:

Using a double pointed needle, pick up two stitches just under the purled round at top of the bag, opposite the yarn-over drawstring openings. Work a [2 stitch I-cord](#) until the desired length for the hanging loop is reached. Cut yarn, thread through live stitches, and use tail to sew the end of the loop into the body of the bag.

Drawstring:

Cast on 2 stitches on double-pointed needle. Work I-cord until drawstring measures 20 inches, or desired length is reached. Bind off.

Create the drawstring channel. Turn bag inside out and fold down the top of the bag along the purled round. Whipstitch the cast-on edge to the inside of the bag. Weave in any loose ends on the inside of the bag.

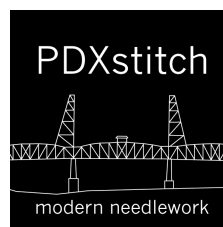
Fabric lining:

Cut fabric for lining. Cut a circle 5 inches in diameter for the bottom of the bag lining, and one rectangular piece, 13 by 6 inches. Fold down one long edge of the rectangular piece approximately ½ inch, iron along the fold. Fold the rectangular piece so the short edges meet, right-sides together. Sew together with a ½ inch seam allowance. Pin the unfolded edge of the rectangular piece to the circular piece of fabric, sew together.

Attach the lining to the knitted bag. Stuff the fabric lining into the knitted bag. Pin the folded edge of the fabric lining just underneath the drawstring casing. Attach the lining by sewing through the folded edge of the fabric and the cast-on edge of the knitting with a whipstitch or blind hem stitch.

Thread the drawstring through the casing using a safety pin or bodkin. Tie the ends of the drawstring together or attach a cord lock. Enjoy your new bag!

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