

## **A bag to use up odd balls of DK yarn**

*(Instructions for the shopping bag on page 3)*

For this bag, I used 3 strands – one was a mohair type which gave the finished bag a 'felted' look.

You also need a pair of handles.

*This bag only cost me pennies – I bought the yarn and the handles from a Charity Shop!*



**Needles: 6mm circular needle or 2 straight 6mm needles**

Using circular needle cast on 80 stitches using 3 strands of yarn – continue to knit in a circle – marking the beginning of the round.

Knit until you reach 2 inches below the desired length.

Continue by changing to the straight needles and knit 40 stitches – turn and work st.st. for 2 inches ending with a purl row.

Fasten off one of the yarns and continue with only two.

Knit 1 row

Next 10 rows: K2 P2 rib

Cast off in rib



Finish the remaining side the same.

If you are using the straight needles only – cast on 40 stitches and work as above – then stitch the 2 pieces together up to 2 inches below the rib.

Stitch the rib over the handles and join the cast on edge together.

**Knit two flowers:**

**One flower:** Using the 2 strands of yarn (used round the handle) and 6mm needles

**The other flower:** Using remaining yarn and 3.25 needles

Cast on 36 stitches

\*K1 cast off 4 stitches\* to end 12 stitches remaining

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight – then tidy it up to look like a flower.

Sew small one on top of bigger one and stitch into place on the bag.

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## Shopping bag with rope handles



**Needles:** 6mm circular needle or 2 straight 6mm needles

**Yarn:** cotton DK about 5 x 50g

**Handle:** Rope 52 inches long – cut into two pieces – then joined to make 2 circles.

Using circular needle cast on 104 stitches using 3 strands of yarn – pattern (k4, p4 for 4 rounds then P4 k4 for 4 rounds) – marking the beginning of the round.

When you reach the desired length **I did 44 rounds of pattern:** knit two rounds.

Change to the straight needles and rib (k1,p1) for 52 stitches – turn and work in rib for 3 inches. **I did 10 rows.**

Fasten off one of the yarns and continue with only two.

Rib until this part will fit comfortably round the handle. **I did 10 rows**

Cast off in rib.

Finish the remaining side the same.



You can make a pocket for the inside if required.



Stitch the rib over the handles and join the cast on edge together.

Make some flowers to decorate it. I made mine with the Wonder Knitter.

