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RED HEART

KNIT
SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®:
1 skein each 313 Aran **A** and
3950 Charcoal **B**

**Susan Bates® Knitting
Needles:** 4.5mm [US 7]
straight needles, 3.5mm
[US 4] set of 2 double pointed
needles (for I-cord only)

½ yard [½ m] cotton fabric
(for lining), matching color
sewing thread, yarn needle

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4" [10 cm];
21 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Mosaic
patterns. **CHECK YOUR
GAUGE. Use any size needles
to obtain the gauge.**

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**RED HEART® Super
Saver®**, Art. E300
available in solid
color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd
(333 m); multicolor, heather
and print 5 oz (141 g), 236 yd
(215 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g),
260 yds (238 m) skeins

Swirls and Stripes Mosaic Bag

Try Mosaic Knitting for a fun way to use two colors and create a folkloric pattern. Design is created with a slip stitch technique and only one color per row. This tote bag is the perfect first Mosaic project.

Bag measures about 12" [30.5 cm] wide and 15" [38 cm] tall.

NOTES
1. Bag is made from two identical panels sewn together. The color pattern on the panels is worked using mosaic knitting. Panels are sewn together and a cotton fabric lining sewn inside. Handles are made from braided I-cord and sewn to bag.
2. Mosaic knitting is a comparatively easy way to knit with multiple colors. Instead of the stranding of Fair Isle or the color blocks of Intarsia, Mosaic knitting creates color patterns with a slip stitch technique that uses only one color per row. Two rows of one color are alternated with two rows of a second color. Some of the stitches in each row are slipped to bring up the color of the previous row, creating the illusion of working with more than one color in each row.
3. Slip all stitches as if to purl. On right side rows, hold yarn in back as stitches are slipped. On wrong side rows, hold yarn in front as stitches are slipped.
4. Mosaic patterns can be worked by following the written instructions or reading the charts. Work from the charts as follows:
   - Every row of a Mosaic knitting chart represents two rows of knitting worked with the same color yarn. Each block of the chart represents one stitch of the indicated color.
   - Work the first two rows using the yarn color indicated in the first block (lower right corner). Work the next two rows with the other yarn color. Continue to alternate the yarn color every two rows.
   - Read each right side row of the chart from right to left. Then read the same row again from left to right for the following wrong side row.
   - To work a right side row, knit all the stitches of the current yarn color and slip all stitches of the other color. To work the following wrong side row, purl all the stitches of the current yarn color and slip all the stitches of the other color.

PANEL (make 2)
Beginning at top of bag with **A**, cast on 52 sts.

Border
Rows 1-7: Knit.
Row 8 (wrong side): Purl.
Row 9 (right side): Knit.
Row 10: Purl.
Row 11 (folding row – right side): Purl.
Row 12: Purl.
Row 13: Knit.
Row 14: Purl.
Rows 15 and 16: Repeat Rows 13 and 14.

Swirls Pattern
Row 1 (right side): With **B**, k1, *k8, slip next 2 sts with yarn in back (wyib); repeat from * to last st, k1.
Row 2: With **B**, p1, *slip next 2 sts with yarn in front (wyif), p8; repeat from * to last st, p1.
Row 3: With **A**, k1, *slip next 2 sts wyib, k4, slip next 2 sts wyib, k2; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 4: With **A**, p1, *p2, slip next 2 sts wyif, p4, slip next 2 sts wyif; repeat from * to last st, p1.

Row 5: With **B**, k1, *k2, slip next 2 sts wyib, k4, slip next 2 sts wyib; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 6: With **B**, p1, *slip next 2 sts wyif, p4, slip next 2 sts wyif, p2; repeat from * to last st, p1.

Row 7: With **A**, k1, *slip next 2 sts wyib, k8; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 8: With **A**, p1, *p8, slip next 2 sts wyif; repeat from * to last st, p1.

Row 9: With **B**, knit.

Row 10: With **B**, purl.

Row 11: With **A**, k4, *slip next 2 sts wyib, k8; repeat from * to last 8 sts, slip next 2 sts wyib, k6.

Row 12: With **A**, p6, *slip next 2 sts wyif, p8; repeat from * to last 6 sts, slip next 2 sts wyif, p4.

Row 13: With **B**, k2, *slip next 2 sts wyib, k2, slip next 2 sts wyib, k4; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 14: With **B**, p4, *slip next 2 sts wyif, p2, slip next 2 sts wyif, p4; repeat from * to last 8 sts, slip next 2 sts wyif, p2, slip next 2 sts wyif, p2.

Row 15: With **A**, *k4, slip next 2 sts wyib, k2, slip next 2 sts wyib; repeat from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 16: With **A**, p2, *slip next 2 sts wyif, p2, slip next 2 sts wyif, p4; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 17: With **B**, k6, *slip next 2 sts wyib, k8; repeat from * to last 6 sts, slip next 2 sts wyib, k4.

Row 18: With **B**, p4, *slip next 2 sts wyif, p8; repeat from * to last 8 sts, slip next 2 sts wyif, p6.

With **A**, work in Stockinette st (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) for 8 rows.

Stripes Pattern

Row 1 (right side): With **B**, slip next 2 sts wyib, [k1, slip next st wyib] 11 times, k1, slip next 2 sts wyib, k1, [slip next st wyib, k1] 11 times, slip last 2 sts wyib.

Row 2: With **B**, slip next 2 sts wyif, [p1, slip next st wyif] 11 times, p1, slip next 2 sts wyif, p1, [slip next st wyif, p1] 11 times, slip last 2 sts wyif.

Row 3: With **A**, k2, [slip next st wyib, k1] 11 times, slip next st wyib, k2, slip next st wyib, [k1, slip next st wyib] 11 times, k2.

Row 4: With **A**, p2, [slip next st wyif, p1] 11 times, slip next st wyif, p2, slip next st wyif, [p1, slip next st wyif] 11 times, p2.

Rows 5-20: Repeat Rows 1-4 four more times.

With **B**, work in Stockinette st for 8 rows.

Swirls Pattern

Row 1 (right side): With **A**, k1, *k8, slip next 2 sts with yarn in back (wyib); repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 2: With **A**, p1, *slip next 2 sts with yarn in front (wyif), p8; repeat from * to last st, p1.

Row 3: With **B**, k1, *slip next 2 sts wyib, k4, slip next 2 sts wyib, k2; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 4: With **B**, p1, *p2, slip next 2 sts wyif, p4, slip next 2 sts wyif; repeat from * to last st, p1.

Row 5: With **A**, k1, *k2, slip next 2 sts wyib, k4, slip next 2 sts wyib; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 6: With **A**, p1, *slip next 2 sts wyif, p4, slip next 2 sts wyif, p2; repeat from * to last st, p1.

Row 7: With **B**, k1, *slip next 2 sts wyib, k8; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 8: With **B**, p1, *p8, slip next 2 sts wyif; repeat from * to last st, p1.

Row 9: With **A**, knit.

Row 10: With **A**, purl.

Row 11: With **B**, k4, *slip next 2 sts wyib, k8; repeat from * to last 8 sts, slip next 2 sts wyib, k6.

Row 12: With **B**, p6, *slip next 2 sts wyif, p8; repeat from * to last 6 sts, slip next 2 sts wyif, p4.

Row 13: With **A**, k2, *slip next 2 sts wyib, k2, slip next 2 sts wyib, k4; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 14: With **A**, p4, *slip next 2 sts wyif, p2, slip next 2 sts wyif, p4; repeat from * to last 8 sts, slip next 2 sts wyif, p2, slip next 2 sts wyif, p2.

Row 15: With **B**, *k4, slip next 2 sts wyib, k2, slip next 2 sts wyib; repeat from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 16: With **B**, p2, *slip next 2 sts wyif, p2, slip next 2 sts wyif, p4; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 17: With **A**, k6, *slip next 2 sts wyib, k8; repeat from * to last 6 sts, slip next 2 sts wyib, k4.

Row 18: With **A**, p4, *slip next 2 sts wyif, p8; repeat from * to last 8 sts, slip next 2 sts wyif, p6.

With **B**, work in Stockinette st (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) for 8 rows.

Next 2 Rows: With **B**, knit.
Next Row: With **B**, purl.
Next Row: With **B**, knit.
Bind off loosely.

HANDLES

For short handles make 19 in. [48.5 cm] I-cords. For longer handles make 28 in. [71 cm] I-cords. Handles will stretch with use.
Make six I-cords, 2 with **A** and 4 with **B**, as follows:

With double-pointed needles, cast on 3 sts, *knit all the sts, do not turn work. Slide all the stitches to opposite end of needle. Carry yarn tightly across back of work, and knit all the stitches; repeat from * until I-cord measures desired length. Braid one **A**-colored I-cord and two **B**-colored I-cords tightly together for each handle. Secure ends of braids.

FINISHING

Sew side and lower edges of panels together (bind-off edge is lower edge of bag). Weave in any remaining ends.

Lining

Cut a piece of cotton fabric, 32″ [81.5 cm] long and 13″ [33 cm] wide. Bring right sides together, fold piece in half to form a double layer, 16″ [40.5 cm] long and 13″ [33 cm] wide. Sew ½″ [13 mm] seams along side edges of folded piece. Fold down 1″ [2.5 cm] around top of lining, folding to the wrong side (outside) of the lining. Insert lining into bag. Fold top edge of bag to inside along Row 11 (folding row) over the top of lining. With sewing needle and thread, sew top edge of lining to underside of folded top edge of bag.
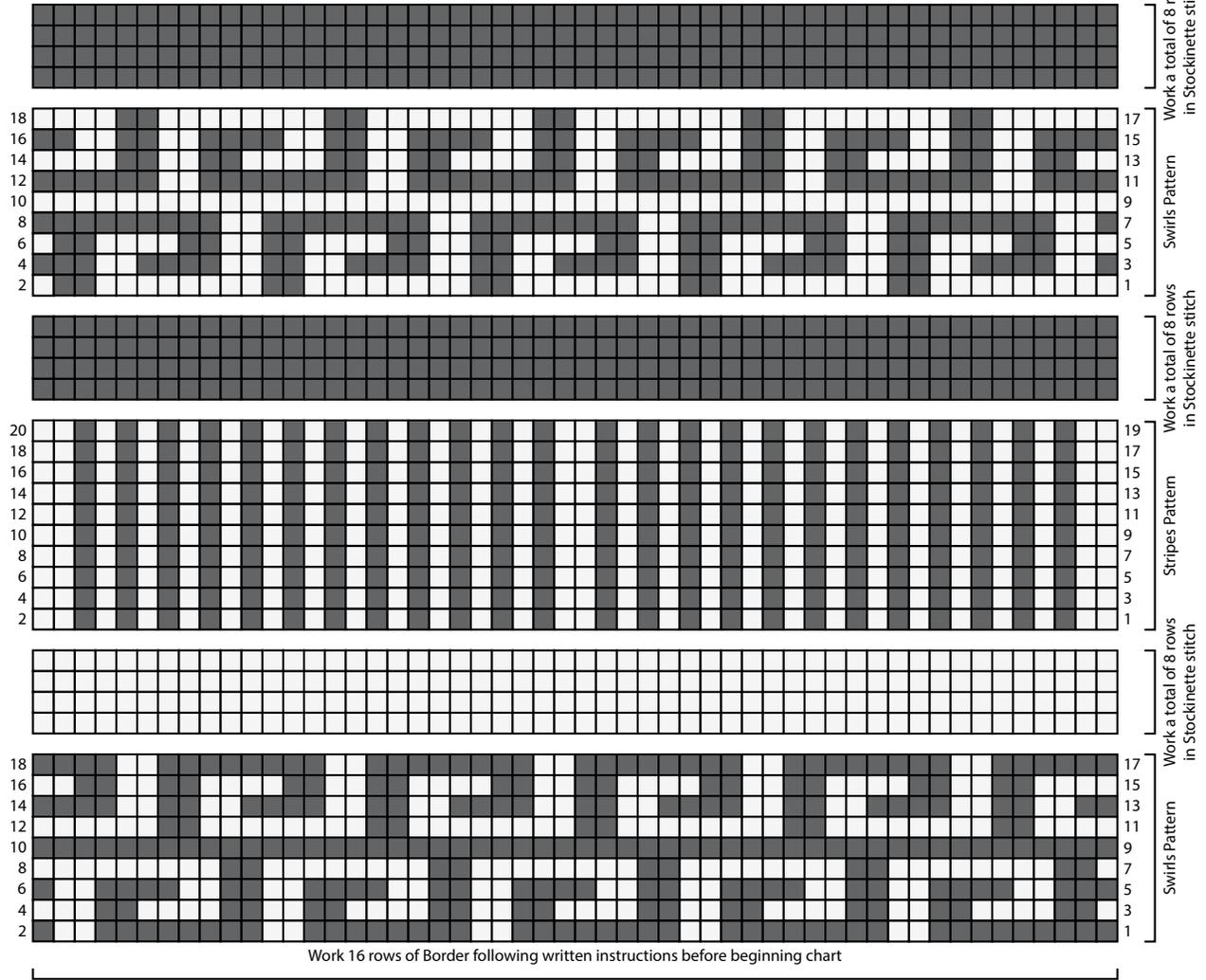
Sew one handle to inside of top of each panel. Sewing ends about 6″ [15 cm] apart.

ABBREVIATIONS: A and **B** = Color A and Color B; **k** = knit; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **wyib** = with yarn in back; **wyif** = with yarn in front; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

See next page for chart & alternate photo

Work last 4 rows following written instructions after completing chart

Work a total of 8 rows in Stockinette stitch

Swirls Pattern — rows 1–18 (odd numbers 1–17 on right side, even numbers 2–18 on left side)

Work a total of 8 rows in Stockinette stitch

Stripes Pattern — rows 1–20 (odd numbers 1–19 on right side, even numbers 2–20 on left side)

Work a total of 8 rows in Stockinette stitch

Swirls Pattern — rows 1–18 (odd numbers 1–17 on right side, even numbers 2–18 on left side)

Work 16 rows of Border following written instructions before beginning chart

52 stitches

313 Aran (A)

3950 Charcoal (B)