



## Popcorn Tote

### Materials:

- ◆ Size 13 Needles (This bag can be knit with straight needles, but you will need DPNs for the I-cord handles).
- ◆ Size 13 DPNs (Necessary only if straight needles used for body of bag.)
- ◆ Main Color (MC) - Lamb's Pride Bulky – 2 skeins (M151 Chocolate Souffle)
- ◆ Companion Color (CC) Lamb's Pride Bulky – 1 skein (M-08 Wild Oak)
- ◆ Crystal Palace Popcorn – 1 ball (436 Chocolate Almonds)



**Skill Level:** Proficiency in knit and purl stitches necessary. The ability to sew a mattress (invisible) and a Kitchener seam are helpful. Note: This bag has an applied I-cord bind off around top and I-cord handles.

**Gauge:** 3 sts. per inch and approx. 3.5 rows per inch in St. st.

**Finished size:** 8 3/4" x 4"

**Abbreviations:** K – knit  
P – purl  
WS – wrong side  
RS – right side  
St st – stockinette pattern (knit RS rows, purl WS rows)  
SSK – slip as if to knit, slip as if to knit, knit 2 slipped stitches together  
K2tog – knit 2 stitches together  
Slip - purlwise

### **Bottom of bag:**

With CC cast on 18 sts.

Work in garter pattern for 13" (approximately 68 rows). There should be 34 ridges.

**Sides of bag:**

\*\*Changing to St st, work 6 rows (RS rows: knit, WS rows: purl).

Decrease row: K1, SSK, K to last 3 sts., K2tog, K1 (16 sts.)

Work 9 rows even.

Repeat decrease row (14 sts.)

Continue in this manner, decreasing every 10th row until 10 stitches remain.

Work 17 rows even.

I-cord bind off: Cast on 2 stitches, using half-hitch (single) cast on.

\* Knit 2, k2tog, slip three stitches back to left needle.\* Repeat \* to \* row until 3 stitches remain, place on holder. Break yarn, leaving 6" tail. \*\* Pick up 18 sts. at other side end of bottom with CC and repeat from \*\* to \*\*.

**Front and back of bag:**

With MC, pick up 34 sts. along front side and work in St. st. for 36 rows. Add popcorn and work with 2 yarns held together for 16 rows, then drop popcorn. Work for 2 rows without popcorn, **ending with WS row**. Do not bind off. With RS facing and invisible seaming (mattress stitch) sew along right side of MC and CC side piece. Slip the three stitches from side piece that were placed on holder to left needle and continue working applied I-cord bind off with MC until all stitches have been worked. Seam to other side piece and graft bind off stitches using Kitchener stitch for best results. Repeat for back.

**Handles (make 2):**

With MC, cast on 3 sts. and work I-cord (knit 3, slip from right to left needle, knit 3 pulling yarn across back, repeat) for 34 inches. Join to edges of bag, sewing firmly.

**Felting Instructions:**

Push as many popcorns as possible to the outside of the bag. Place bag in pillowcase and tie closed with rubber band. Wash with regular detergent and towels or jeans in hot wash, cold rinse. Check every 5-10 minutes if you or your washing machine are new to felting. Remove from washer when satisfied with felted size. Place bag over a couple of cereal boxes covered with a plastic bag (so the boxes don't get soggy). Let dry completely in a cool place – approximately 24-48 hours. Trim away any popcorns that escaped to the inside of the bag during the felting process.