

# Wondoflex Yarn Craft Centre

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## Evening Bag

You will need:

1 ball of LUXURY SOFT COTTON (MC)

1 ball of PORTOFINO (Contrast)

1 pair of 4.00mm and 5.00 mm

Beads for flap.

### **BAG FLAP**

Beginning at point of flap as follows:

Using 4.00 mm needles and MC, cast on 3 sts.

Working in garter stitch (1<sup>st</sup> row is the wrong side), inc 1 st at each end of alt rows until there are 11 sts, then in every row until there are 37 sts.

Knit 8 rows garter stitch.

Tie a coloured thread at each end of the last row to mark the end of the flap.

### **BODY of BAG**

Cont in garter stitch until work measures 16 cm from the coloured threads, working last row on wrong side.

Tie another coloured thread at each end of the last row.

Next row: Knit

Next row: Purl, decreasing 5 sts evenly across the row....32 sts.



Change to 5.00 mm needles.

### Using Contrast 1:

**1<sup>st</sup> row:** K2, \*sl 1 purlways, K2, rep from \* to end of row.

**2<sup>nd</sup> row:** P2, \*sl 1 purlways, P2, rep from \* to end of row.

**3<sup>rd</sup> row:** Knit

**4<sup>th</sup> row:** Purl

### Using Main Colour:

**5<sup>th</sup> row:** K2, \*sl 1 purlways, K2, rep from \* to end of row.

**6<sup>th</sup> row:** P2, \*sl 1 purlways, P2, rep from \* to end of row.

**7<sup>th</sup> row:** Knit

**8<sup>th</sup> row:** Purl

Last 8 rows form the pattern.

Continue in pattern until work measures approx 14cm from second coloured thread, ending with a 4<sup>th</sup> pattern row.

Change to 4.00mm needles.

Using Main Colour, knit 8 rows garter st, inc 5 sts evenly across 1<sup>st</sup> row...37 sts.

Cast off knitways.

### MAKE UP

Sew in all ends. Fold bag at second coloured threads. Back stitch the side seams between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> coloured threads.

### Cord:

Using 2 strands of MC and 2 strands of C1, each 150cm in length, make a twisted cord and attach to bag as pictured.

Thread a couple of heavy beads onto a knotted thread and sew to peak of flap.

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1. Cut the required number of strands of yarn 2 - 3 times the length of the finished cord. eg. 4 strands of yarn 100cm long will produce a cord 8 strands thick and approx 40cm long. Knot the strands together at each end, making sure all lengths are equal.
2. Attach one end to a pin, hook or handle, insert a knitting needle through the other end. Turn the knitting needle clockwise until the strands are well twisted.
3. Holding the centre of the cord, place the needle and the hook end together, keeping the cord taut to avoid tangling.
4. Release the centre of the cord so that the two halves twist together. Smooth out any lumps. Knot and trim both ends.

