

# Franka drawstring bag

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## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

19"/48cm circumference and 15"/38cm tall

## MATERIALS

Zealana Kauri Worsted (60% Fine New Zealand Merino, 30% Brushtail Possum, 10% Mulberry Silk; 94yd/86m/ per 50grams)

- 2 balls K15 Blue Awa (MC)
- 1 ball K05 Ponga (CC1)
- 1 ball K08 Weka Brown (CC2)
- US size 8 (5.0mm) 24"/60cm needles
- Set of 4 or 5 US size 8 (5.0mm) DPNs  
OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- 2 1"/2.5mm buttons

Zealana Kauri Fingering (60% Fine New Zealand Merino, 30% Brushtail Possum, 10% Mulberry Silk; 167yd/153m/per 40grams)

- 1 ball K08 Weka Brown (CC2)
- 2 US size 4 (3.5mm) DPNs or 1 16" circ
- Safety pin

GAUGE IS NOT IMPORTANT FOR I-CORD DRAWSTRING

## GAUGE

16 sts and 22 rows to 4"/ 51cm over St st.

TAKE TIME TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE

NOTE: Silver Fern is worked using intarsia. If preferred, duplicate stitch worked on a plain stockinette fabric may be substituted.

## BODY

Using MC and larger circ needle, CO 99 sts using Long-Tail CO. Knit one row. Turn and work as foll:

Row 1 (RS): k1, sl1, k32, pm, work Silver Fern Chart, pm, k32, end sl1, k1.

Row 2: k1, p to m, work from chart, sl m, p last st, end k1.

Row 3: k1, sl1, k2tog, work from Silver Fern Chart to last 4 sts, end ssk, sl1, k1. 97 sts.

Row 4: rep Row 2.

Cont as est, working these 4 rows until chart is completed. Cont in St st, working dec as est every 4th row until 55 sts rem, ending on a RS row. Knit across next WS row. Drawstring casing: with CC1, work 4 rows in St st. BO all sts.

## BOTTOM

Turn bag Body upside down and with CC1 and DPNs, PU 96 sts along bottom edge. Pm, join, knit one rnd as foll: \*k16, pm, rep from \* 5x, k16 to end of rnd m.

Dec Rnd 1: \*ssk, k12, k2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd. 84 sts.

Rnds 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12: knit all sts.

Dec rnd 3: \*ssk, k10, k2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd. 72 sts.

Dec rnd 5: \*ssk, k8, k2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd. 60 sts.

Dec rnd 7: \*ssk, k6, k2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd. 48 sts.

Dec rnd 9: \*ssk, k4, k2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd. 36 sts.

Dec rnd 11: \*ssk, k2, k2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd. 24 sts.

Dec rnd 13: \*ssk, k2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd. 12 sts.

Cut yarn and draw through rem sts 2x, then carefully pull to tighten and draw closed.

## I-CORD DRAWSTRING

Using CC2 and size 4 (3.5mm) needles, CO 5 sts. Knit across all sts, DO NOT TURN WORK. \*Push stitches to opposite side of needle, then knit across all sts, drawing yarn tightly across the back of the work to form a small tube. Rep from \* as est until piece meas 36" / 91cm. Ssk, k1, k2tog. On foll row, k3tog, then cut yarn, draw through rem sts and tighten. Weave in ends.

## FINISHING

Sew bag body together, starting at beg of MC section and stopping approx 8" / 20cm from top. Fold contrast drawstring casing toward WS and tack down, forming casing for I-Cord Drawstring. Attach one end of I-Cord Drawstring to safety pin and thread through casing. Using button, attach ends to base of bag as pictured. Weave in ends and block gently. When weaving in intarsia ends, pay special attention to closing up any holes that may have formed when changing colors. Work slowly and check the RS often to be sure the contrasting ends aren't peeking through. ♦



**CHART**

**KEY**

- K15 Blue Awa (MC)
- K05 Ponga Fern (CCI)

