



ENTRELAC BAG
COTTON DROPS
CY1823

DIMENSIONS

34 x 34 cm (13 ½ in square)

MATERIALS

1 x ball of Cygnet Cotton Drops 100g (A) 5888 Lavender Haze, (B) Merigold 5777 and (C) Sweet Pink 5555

A pair of 7 mm (US 11) Knitting needles

Optional Bag Clips x 2

TENSION

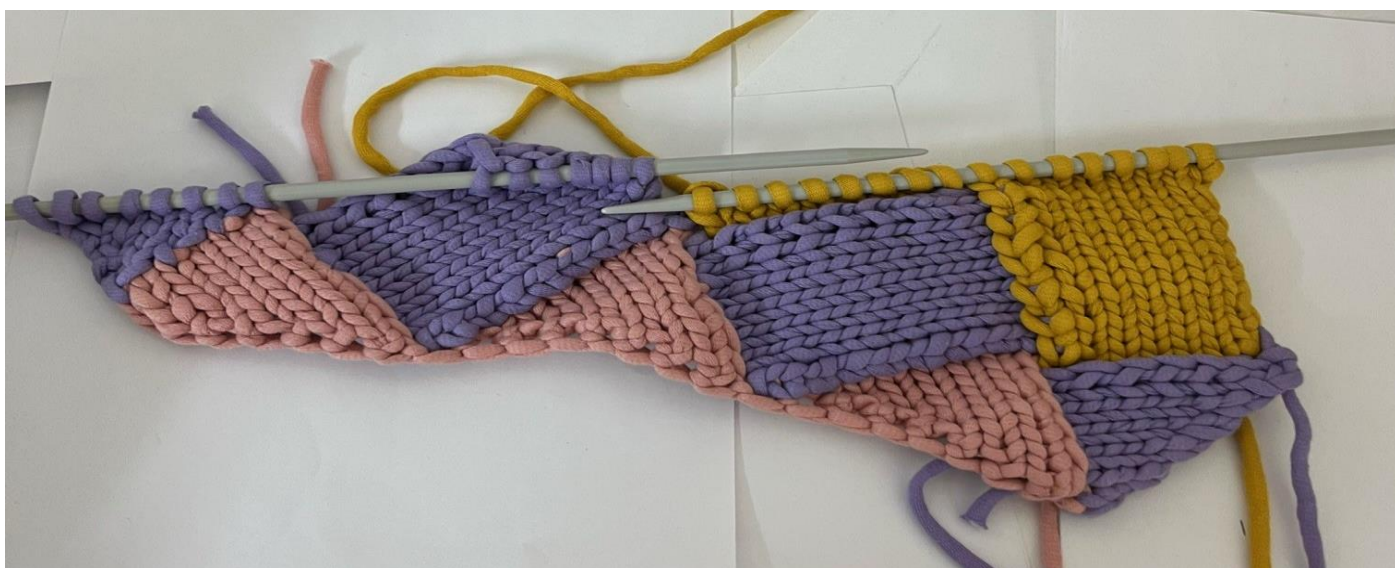
8 sts and 14 rows to 7.5 cm (3 in) measured over stocking stitch using 7 mm needles

IF YOUR TENSION IS TOO TIGHT USE A LARGER NEEDLE, IF YOUR TENSION IS TOO LOOSE USE A SMALLER NEEDLE

ENTRELAC STRUCTURAL TECHNIQUE

KNITTED SQUARES CREATE A DIAGONAL BASKET WEAVE EFFECT IN STOCKING STITCH.

EACH SQUARE HAS TWICE AS MANY ROWS AS STITCHES AND ALTERNATING SERIES OF SQUARES ARE WORKED IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS. ALL THE STS FOR ONE SERIES ARE ON THE NEEDLE AT THE SAME TIME, ALTHOUGH THE SQUARES ARE WORKED INDIVIDUALLY. A LINE OF SHORT ROW TRIANGLES AT THE START, FINISH AND EACH SIDE, CREATE STRAIGHT EDGES.



ABBREVIATIONS

ST(S) STITCH(ES)

CONT CONTINUE

CM CENTIMETRES

K KNIT

P PURL

RS RIGHT SIDE

WS WRONG SIDE

SSK SLIP ONE, K1, PASS
SLIPPED ST OVER

INC INCREASE

RH RIGHT HAND

LH LEFT HAND

REP REPEAT TOG TOGETHER
REM REMAINING

STST STOCKING STITCH (ONE
ROW K, ONE ROW P)

BAG

THIS EXAMPLE MAKES 3 x EIGHT STST RECTANGLES.

IN COLOUR A, LOOSELY CAST ON 24 STS THEN USING METHOD (AS PICTURED) UNTIL THERE ARE 3 TRIANGLES ON THE NEEDLE.

CONT WORKING FROM THE PICTURED INSTRUCTIONS JOINING IN COLOUR B AND C OF YOUR OWN CHOICE UNTIL PIECE MEASURES APPROX 60 CM THEN CAST OFF BY WORKING THE END TRIANGLES AFTER A RIGHT-LEANING TIER

TIER 1: STARTING THE BASE TRIANGLES



Three base triangles next to each other (I transferred them to three needles so you can see it better)

Before you can start with the actual entrelac knitting pattern, you need to knit **one setup row**. These are often called base triangles.

1. Cast on as multiples of the size of the rectangles you decided on with a [longtail cast on around two needles](#) for a stretchy edge. In this case, I will cast on 15 stitches.
2. **Row 1 (right side):** Knit 1 stitch and turn the work around without finishing the row.
3. **Row 2 (wrong side):** Purl 1 stitch and turn the work around immediately again.
4. **Row 3:** Knit 2 stitches. turn.
5. **Row 4:** Purl 2. turn.
6. **Row 5:** Knit 3. turn.
7. **Row 6:** Purl 3. turn.
8. **Row 7:** Knit 4. turn.
9. **Row 8:** Purl 4. turn.
10. **Row 9:** Knit 5 and do not turn.

Note: Depending on your stitch count per rectangle, you will have to repeat increasing by one stitch per row on the right side and stop once you reached the desired number. Always stop in a right-side row. This applies to the rest of the pattern as well.

From here, you have to **repeat these instructions over and over again** until you reached the end of the row. You may place a stitch marker here.

So, knit one stitch, turn, purl one stitch, turn, knit two, turn, purl two, turn, knit three, et

TIER 2: LEFT SLANTING RECTANGLES

Now that you finished the setup row, you can start knitting the entrelac pattern in earnest. **But there is one little problem when knitting entrelac flat you need to circumvent.** You can't just pick up rectangles from the edges.

You start the second tier on the wrong side.

FILLER TRIANGLE ON THE LEFT



The finished filler triangle on the left side of the entrelac pattern.

Before you can start with the second entrelac tier properly, **you need to knit one filler triangle** so you end up with a neat and straight edge.

- **Row 1 (on the wrong side):** (join a new colour) and [purl front & back \(pfb\)](#) into the first st, turn the work around.
- **Row 2 (RS):** k2. turn.
- **Row 3:** Pfb and [purl the next two stitches tog \(p2tog\)](#). The first stitch should be from the increase in row 1 the other should be the first stitch of the last base triangle. turn.
- **Row 4:** k3. turn.
- **Row 5:** Pfb, p1, p2tog. turn.
- **Row 6:** k4. turn.
- **Row 7:** Pfb, p2, p2tog
- **Row 8:** k5. turn.
- **Row 9:** Pfb, p3, p2tog, turn.
- **Row 10:** k6, turn
- **Row 11:** Pfb, p4, p2tog, turn
- **Row 12:** K7, turn
- **Row 13:** Pfb, p5, p2tog, turn

You should have 8 stitches on your needle

RIGHT-SLANTING RECTANGLE

From here, you can start with the actual entrelac pattern.

Ignoring the 8 stitches on your left needle, pick up and p8 stitches evenly from the edge of the base triangle.

- **Row 1 (RS):** Knit across the 8 stitches you picked up. turn.
- **Row 2 (WS):** p7 and p2tog (so that should be one stitch in the new colour and one in old). turn.
- **Row 3:** k8. turn.
- **Row 4:** p7, p2tog. turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until you've decreased all stitches from the last base triangle ending on WS

From here, you need to repeat these instructions over and over again and stop before the last base triangle. So, pick up 8 more stitches in exactly the same way from the next edge (through the front!), and start with row 1 all over again.

FILLER TRIANGLE ON THE RIGHT



Finishing the second tier with another filler triangle

Now, there is one last edge left but it's facing the right side of your work. So, you can't add another full rectangle here as it would stick out beyond the edge. Instead, you have to add another filler triangle here to get a neat and clean edge.

- **Step 1: (WS)** Pick up and p8 stitches from the edge the way you did before..
- **Row 1 (RS):** k8. turn.
- **Row 2 (WS):** p6, p2tog. turn.
- **Row 3:** k7. turn.
- **Row 4:** p5, p2tog. turn.
- **Row 5:** k6. turn.
- **Row 6:** p4, p2tog. turn.
- **Row 7:** k5. turn.
- **Row 8:** p3, p2tog. turn.

- Row 9: k4, turn.
- Row 10: p2, p2tog, turn.
- Row 11: k3, turn.
- Row 12: p1, p2tog, turn
- Row 13: k2, turn.
- Row 14: P2tog, fasten off.

You have just finished your first entrelac pattern row!

TIER 3: LEFT-SLANTING RECTANGLES



A row of left-leaning entrelac rectangles

From here, you can start knitting the third entrelac tier right away. And the good news is, you **don't need any filler triangles on the edges** and you can work from the right side (so much easier to pick up stitches).

- **Step 1 (RS):** Join new colour and pick up and k8 stitches from the edge of the filler triangle. Turn.
- **Row 1 (WS):** p6, p2tog, turn.
- **Row 2 (RS):** k6 and **SSK** (one stitch in the new colour and the first stitch from the first full rectangle one tier below). turn.
- **Row 3:** p7, turn.
- **Row 4:** k6, SSK. turn.
- Repeat rows 3 and 4 until you've decreased all stitches end with RS facing

- Next, pick up and k8 sts from the next edge and repeat all over again start with row 1. **There's one important difference.**

there is no stitch remaining from the second tier, you have to work row1 like this: **(WS):** p8, turn.

So you just skip the last p2tog and ignore the stitches that remain from the first rectangle of that tier. Repeat until you have picked up stitches from every edge of the tier below.

From here, you can simply start with a tier of right-slanting rectangles all over again followed by a tier 3 and so on. Repeat however many times you see fit.

HOW TO FINISH ENTRELAC KNITTING



- **Step 1 (RS):** in preferred colour, pick up 8 stitches from the edge as you normally would. turn.
- **Row 1 (WS):** p6, p2tog. turn.
- **Row 2:** cast off 1 stitch, k4, SSK (one in the new colour and one from the tier below). turn.
- **Row 3:** p5, [sl1](#). turn.
- **Row 4:** cast off 1 stitch, k3, SSK. turn.
- **Row 5:** p4, sl1. turn.
- **Row 6:** cast off 1 stitch, k2, SSK. turn
- **Row 7:** p3, sl1. turn.
- **Row 8:** cast off 1 stitch, k1, SSK, turn
- **Row 9:** p2, sl1. turn.
- **Row 10:** cast off 1 stitch, SSK. turn.
- **Row 11:** p1, sl1. turn.
- **Row 12:** Cast off 1 stitch and ssk at the same time. Leave the remaining st on right hand needle.

From here, pick up another 7 stitches from the next edge and start with row 1 all over again. Repeat until you reached the edge. Turn the work around, and [cast off](#) loosely.

TOP EDGING

FOLD PIECE IN HALF THEN USING THE SAME COLOUR YARN AS THE LAST ROW EDGE, PICK UP AND K8 STS ACROSS EACH TRIANGLE SECTION. KNIT 3 ROWS ON THESE 24 STS. CAST OFF LOOSELY. REPEAT FOR OTHER EDGE.

BLOCK WORK FLAT.

JOINING SIDE SEAM EDGES

THIS IS WORKED BY CROCHETING THE 2 EDGES TOGETHER USING COLOUR A AND A 7.00 MM CROCHET HOOK. WORK A ROW OF DOUBLE CROCHET. SEW ON CLIPS.

STRAP

USING COLOUR, A CAST ON 66 STS (LENGTH CAN BE ADJUSTED BY CASTING ON LESS OR MORE STS AS REQUIRED). WORK 2 ROWS IN ST ST. CAST OFF. ATTACH TO CLIPS EACH AT EACH SIDE USING PHOTO AS A GUIDE. SEW IN THE ENDS MAKING A LOOP FOR CLIP TO FASTEN ONTO.

TIE FASTENER

USING A STRAND OF EACH COLOUR MAKE 2 PLAITED CORDS AND SEW TO INSIDE OF EACH SIDE AT CENTRE TOP.

FINISHING OFF

SEW IN ALL THE ENDS.

YOU CAN LINE THE BAG WITH FABRIC FOR A PROFESSIONAL FINISH



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