

# Let's go shopping

Market Bag  
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## **You'll need:**

100 – 150 grams of DK weight yarn. Cotton, Hemp and Linnen is perfect for this.

3,5mm DoublePointNeedles

3,5mm Circular needles (aprox 40 cm)

6mm Circular needle (aprox 40 – 60 cm)

Gauge is not horribly important. If you knit very loose I recommend using smaller needles for the bottom of the bag and the handles to avoid those parts stretching too much.

**Yo** – yarn over

**K2tog** – knit 2 stitches together

Knit in the round, use 4 DPneedles (instead of 5)



Co 6 stitches, divide on 3 needles.

**Round 1:** make one stitch in every stitch-continue till end = 12 stitches

Place marker at beginning of round.

**Round 2:** yo, k1 -continue till marker = 24 stitches

**Round 3:** knit -knit all yo in the *back loop* to avoid holes, or in *front loop* for a lovely spiral pattern.

**Round 4:** yo, k2 -continue till marker

**Round 5:** knit

**Round 6:** yo, k3 -continue till marker

**Round 7:** knit

**Round 8:** yo, k4 -continue till marker

Continue increasing in the established pattern every 2nd round till you have 32 (44) st on each of the 3 needles= 96 (132) total.

Knit 6 rounds without increasing.

### The bag itself.

The mesh can be knit in 2 different patterns. All you need to do is change the knit2tog.

If you knit the knit2tog in the front loop (the normal way) you get this look:



But knitting the knit2tog in the back loop gives this look:



Choose the look you prefer and continue..

Switch to 6mm needles

**Round A:** yo, k2tog -continue till marker

**Round B:** knit



Repeat these 2 rounds till the mesh part of the bag measures 20 cm (25cm)  
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Switch back to 3,5mm needles

Knit 2 rounds.

Continue in garter stich 6 rounds.

Bind off LOOSELY, or use a elastic bind off method.

### Now it's time for the handles!

Remember the bag and handles will stretch quite a bit when the bag is heavily loaded so remember not to make the handles/shoulder strap too long.

Because the bottom of the bag is round you don't have to worry about the bottom lining up with the top of the bag.

For an "over the shoulder" bag, pick up 15-20 stitches and knit garter stitch 25-30 cm. Bind off and attach on the opposite side of the bag.



For "handheld" bag with 2 handles, pick up 10 stitches and knit garter stitch 14-16 cm. Bind off and attach on same half of the bag. Do the same on the other half.



Weave in all loose ends, make sure they are fastened real good and **Let's go shopping!** No more plastic bags!

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