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Double Ridged Drawstring Backpack  
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## **Ridged Drawstring Backpack**

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This backpack is sturdy. The fabric is tightly knit with ridges making it stiff without felting. It's a roomy size with a wide top opening that cinches closed.

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Finished Size** 9 x 12 x 4"

### **Materials**

Cascade "Pastaza" (50% Llama, 50% Wool, 100 gm, 132 yards)

**MC:** 1 skein Delft Blue #1209

**CC:** 1 skein Blue/Green Variegated #9921

2 US 8 circular needles (16")

8 stitch markers

Tapestry needle

10 Large Eyelets (Dritz)

Cord Stop (Dritz) for closure

1/2 yard 45" wide lining fabric (a firm finely woven denim works well)

Interfacing or Quilt template plastic 4" x 9"

Sewing needle and thread to match the lining

### **Gauge**

16 sts and 11 rounds = 2" in stranded knitting

### **Stitch patterns**

#### **Eyelet round**

\*K 1 MC, K1 CC\*, repeat \* to \*

#### **Large Stripe Pattern**

\*K 2 MC, K 2 CC\* repeat \* to \*

## **Large Check Pattern**

Rnd 1: \*K 2 MC, K 2 CC\* repeat \* to \*

Rnd 2: repeat Rnd 1

Rnd 3: \*K 2 CC, K 2, MC\* repeat \* to \*

Rnd 4: repeat Rnd 3

Repeat these 4 rounds

## **Background**

This pattern is knit with one strand in each hand which creates a dominance of the CC yarn. It's worked in the round on smaller needles for firmness. Wind two balls of MC, and one ball of CC. The second MC ball is used to knit rounds with two MC strands and for the base.

## **Upper Edge**

Cast on 140 stitches (not counting the slip knot) with the long tail cast on as follows: With a yarn end of each color, make a slip knot on one circular needle. Place the CC in the left hand and the MC in the right. Cast on with the two colors. Remove the slip knot before joining.

Join by slipping the first st on the left needle purl wise onto the right needle.

## **See Chart**

Set aside the CC strand and pick up a MC strand

Rnd 1: With 2 MC strands, Purl taking the furthest right strand "under" the near strand to make a braid .

Rnd 2: With 2 MC strands, one in each hand, K alternating the strands.

Remaining rounds on the chart:

Keep the CC in the left hand and the MC in the right. Knit alternating the strands.

## **Bottom**

### **See “Base decrease plan”**

Divide the stitches into four groups on two circular ndls and place markers as follows:

\*Slip 16 sts, PM, slip 1 st (corner), PM, slip 48 sts, PM, slip 1 st (corner), PM\*, repeat \* to \*

## **Decrease Rounds**

While stranding with 2 MC yarn ends, \*knit to 2 stitches before the marker, SSK, slip marker, K1 (corner stitch), K2tog\* repeat \* to \* for the rnd.

Repeat the decrease rnd until there are no stitches left between the markers.

## **Bottom Seam**

Cut a 2 foot tail and thread the end through a blunt needle.

Kitchner seam the two sides together.

Push the needle to the inside.

With the inside out, weave the yarn tail in to secure. Cut any excess.

## **Eyelets**

At the eyelet round, divide the top into 8 sections as illustrated in the “eyelet placement diagram” and mark each with a pin. Insert one eyelet at each of the marks. Use a blunt, but pointed object to open the space between the yarns. Insert the eyelet per the package instructions.

## **Drawstring**

To create a drawstring with both ends finished:

Cut one 6 yard length each of the MC and the CC

Fold 1/3 of the yarns onto themselves. Fold the opposite 2/3 of the yarns onto themselves overlapping 1". Hold the raw ends in one hand and hook the furthest end onto a door/cabinet knob. Twist the yarn, keeping the raw ends in one hand until the twists wrap the raw ends.

Continue winding in the same direction until the yarn is very kinky and tight. Fold the twist in half pulling one end loop through the other 1/2". Let go of the yarns as they twist upon each other. Straighten any loops. If there are any raw ends showing, bury them with a blunt needle or trim as necessary.

## **Handle**

Cut one two yard length each of MC and CC.

Repeat the twisting instructions for the drawstring.

Make an over hand knot two inches from each end.

Insert the Handle cord through the two eyelets in the back. Secure with over hand knots on the inside.

Insert the Drawstring using the diagram.

Place the Cord Lock on the two ends.

## **Straps**

Cast on 220 stitches (not counting the slip knot) with the MC onto a circular needle. Remove the slip knot. Join in a circle by slipping the first stitch purl wise.

## **Knit 10 rnds**

Bind off. Weave the ends to the inside.

Pin the strap to the back of the pack as shown in the photo. Sew the strap at the center of the top and along the entire lower edge.

## **Lining**

Measure the width of the backpack. To this number add 1"

Example: The bag measures 11 1/2" wide; add 1" = 12 1/2".

Measure the vertical size from the top to the bottom and back up.

Example: Top edge to bottom, across the bottom and back up to top edge = 27"

Mark a square at each corner as shown in the illustration.

To calculate the Square size: Take 1/2 the depth measurement less 1/2" for seam allowances.

For a 4" wide bottom, divide by 2 = 2" less 1/2" = 1-3/4" square

Cut the lining 12 1/2x 27". With right sides together, fold the fabric in half

Cut and remove the 1-3/4" corner squares as illustrated.

Sew the side seams and the bottom end seams.

Press the seams open

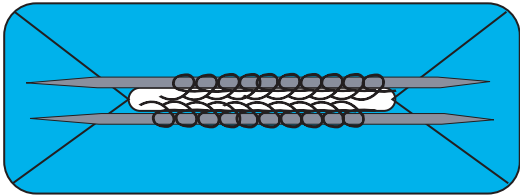
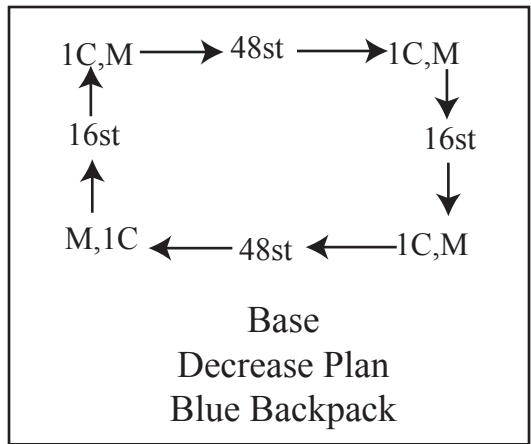
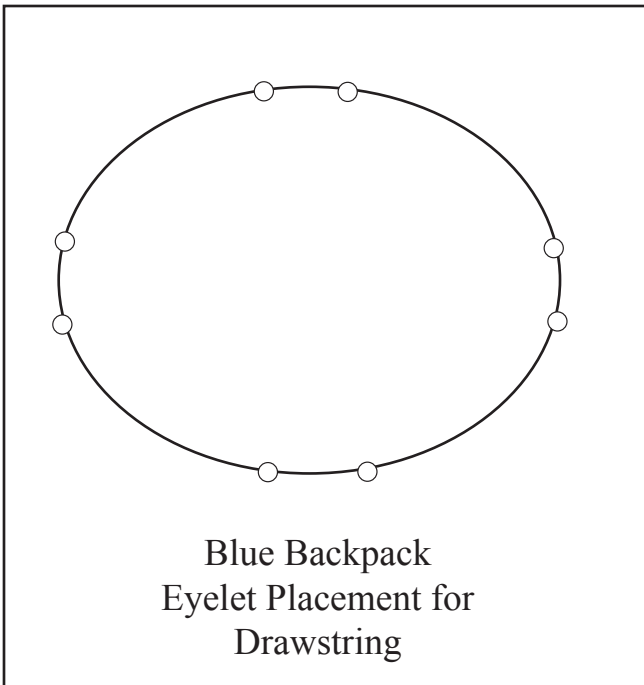
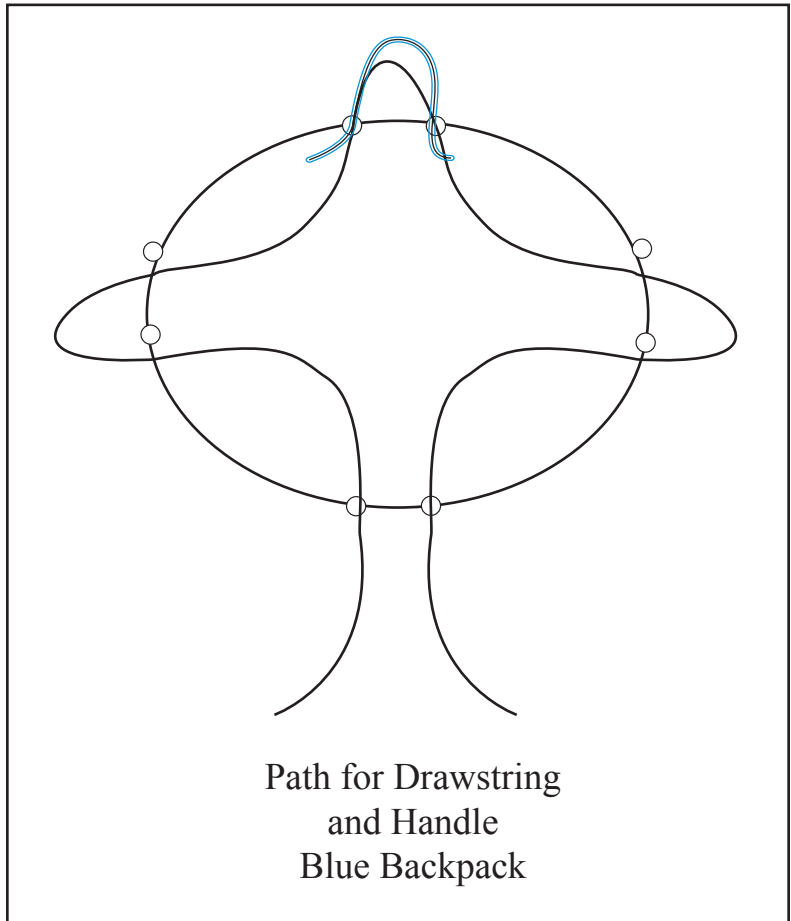
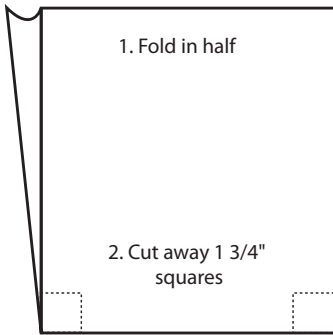
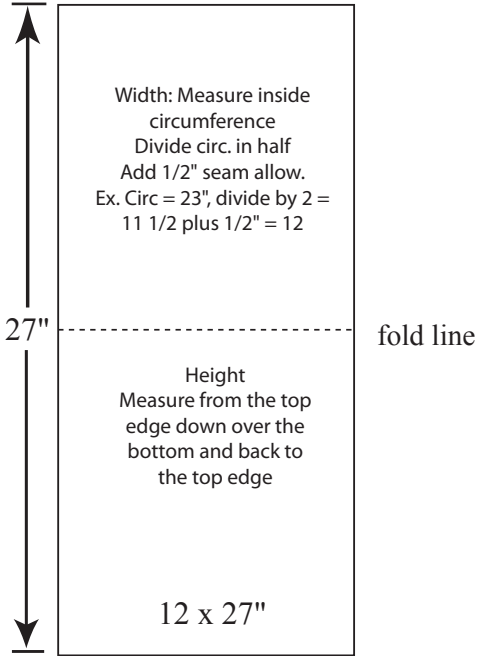
Fold 1" of the top raw edge to the inside and press.

Cut a rectangle of interfacing or quilt template plastic the size of the bottom and insert it flat.

Insert the lining in the backpack and pin in place. Sew along the top edge.

Tack the bottom corners.

# Cutting Plan for Lining Blue Backpack



Bottom detail  
Blue Backpack

# Blue Backpack with Drawstring

