

Blackberry Creek Bag

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The sound of running water; the scent of green growing things; the taste of the blackberry you just picked from the bush.

Lacy leaves frame an abundance of delicious blackberries in this bag. Choose a yarn with good stitch definition to make the lace stand out.



TOOLS AND MATERIALS

Yarn: 100 yd fingering or sport weight yarn

Needles: US size 4 (3.5mm) needles for your favorite circular techniques

Notions: 1 or more stitch markers; 24" of 1/8" to 1/4" ribbon or cord for drawstring

Gauge: Gauge is not important for this bag, but my stockinette gauge came in at 22 st/4".

ABBREVIATIONS

cdd – centered double decrease

k – knit

k2tog – knit 2 sts together

p – purl (*combination knitters: work Western purls for nicer drawstring eyelets*)

ssk – slip 2 sts knitwise, then knit slipped sts together through back loop

st(s) – stitch(es)

tbl – through back loop

yo – yarn over

TECHNIQUES

Judy's Magic Cast-On: <https://www.craftsy.com/knitting/article/judys-magic-cast-on-tutorial/>

Provisional cast-on: <https://www.craftsy.com/knitting/article/provisional-cast-on-tutorial/>

Kitchener stitch: <https://www.craftsy.com/knitting/article/knitting-kitchener-stitch-tutorial/>

INSTRUCTIONS

Slip all stitch markers as you work.

Cast on 78 sts with Judy's Magic Cast-On or a provisional cast-on:

- Use Judy's Magic Cast-On if you are using DPNs or Magic Loop. You will not have to close up the bottom in the finishing steps.
- Use a provisional cast-on if you want to use your 9" circulars throughout. If you use Judy's Magic Cast-On with 9" circulars, you will have to use an alternate circular knitting method for the first ten rows or so until the working area can form a circle.

1. Place marker for beginning of row, join to beginning of work if using provisional cast on, k39, place marker, k39 to end of row (78 stitches)

2-6. k around

Use either Charted or Written pattern instructions to work the bag, then continue to Finishing.

CHARTED PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Begin working from Chart A. Work each chart row 2 times per row, for a total of 74 sts (rows 1-6) or 78 sts (rows 7-10) per row. Work Chart A a total of 5 times. Including the first stockinette rows, you have now worked a total of 56 rows.

DRAWSTRING HOLES

57-60. k around, removing all markers except beginning of row

Begin working from Chart B (Drawstring):

61. k1, work chart row 1 of drawstring chart 6 times, k3, work same chart row 6 times, k2

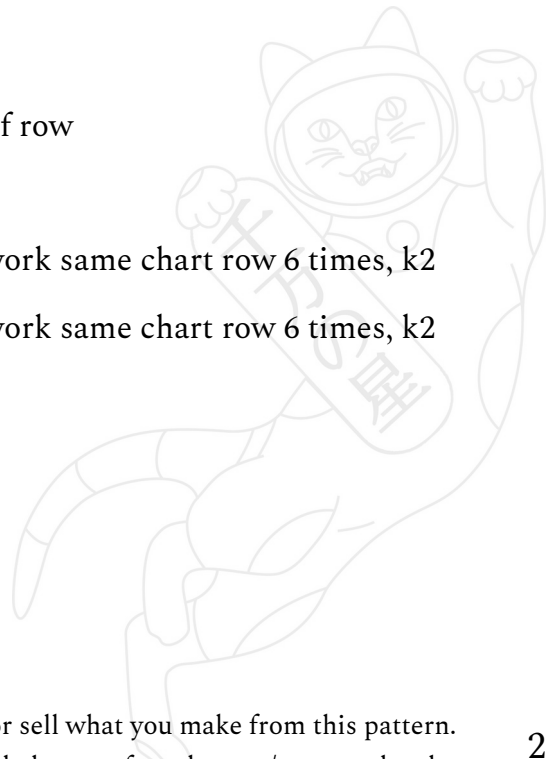
62. k1, work chart row 2 of drawstring chart 6 times, k3, work same chart row 6 times, k2

63-66. k around

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67. (yo, k2tog) around

68. k around and continue to Finishing.



WRITTEN PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

7: (p, k, ssk, p, k2tog, k, yo, k2, k2tog, yo, k, yo, ssk, k2, yo, ssk, k, k2tog, yo, k2, k2tog, yo, k, yo, ssk, k2, yo, k, ssk, p, k2tog, k, p) 2 times (74 stitches)

8: (p, k2, p, k29, p, k2, p) 2 times

9: (p, ssk, p, k2tog, yo, k, yo, k, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k2, yo, cdd, yo, k2, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k, yo, k, yo, ssk, p, k2tog, p) 2 times

10: (p, k, p, k31, p, k, p) 2 times

11: (p, cdd, yo, k3, yo, k2, yo, ssk, k, k2tog, yo, k9, yo, ssk, k, k2tog, yo, k2, yo, k3, yo, cdd, p) 2 times

12: (p, k35, p) 2 times

13: (k2tog, yo, k5, yo, k3, yo, cdd, yo, k3, k2tog, yo, k, yo, ssk, k3, yo, cdd, yo, k3, yo, k5, yo, ssk) 2 times (78 stitches)

14: k78

15: (p, yo, k, ssk, p, k2tog, k, yo, k8, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k8, yo, k, ssk, p, k2tog, k, yo, p) 2 times

16: (p, k3, p, k29, p, k3, p) 2 times

Repeat these ten rows an additional 4 times for a total of 5 repeats. Including the first stockinette rows, you have now worked a total of 56 rows.

DRAWSTRING HOLES

57-60. k around, removing all markers except beginning of row

61. k1, (k2tog, yo, yo, ssk, k2) 6 times, k3, (k2tog, yo, yo, ssk, k2) 6 times, k2

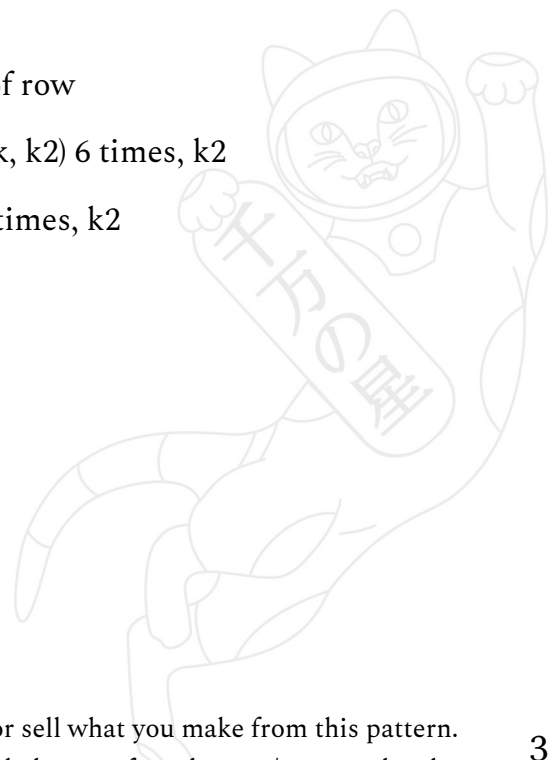
62. k1, (k2, p1 [in second yo], k3) 6 times, k3, (k2, p1, k3) 6 times, k2

63-66. k around

LACY EDGING

67. (yo, k2tog) around

68. k around










FINISHING

Bind off loosely, or with your favorite stretchy bind-off.

If you have used a provisional cast-on, seam the bottom with kitchener stitch or your favorite seaming method.

Weave in ends, and block to 6.5" x 8.5" or as desired. Finish the bag by threading ribbon or cord through the drawstring loops. It is especially pretty to knot beads on the tips of the ribbon.

CHART LEGEND

	Knit
	Purl
	Slip knitwise, slip knitwise, knit stitches together
	Knit 2 together
	Yarn over
	Centered double decrease
	No stitch

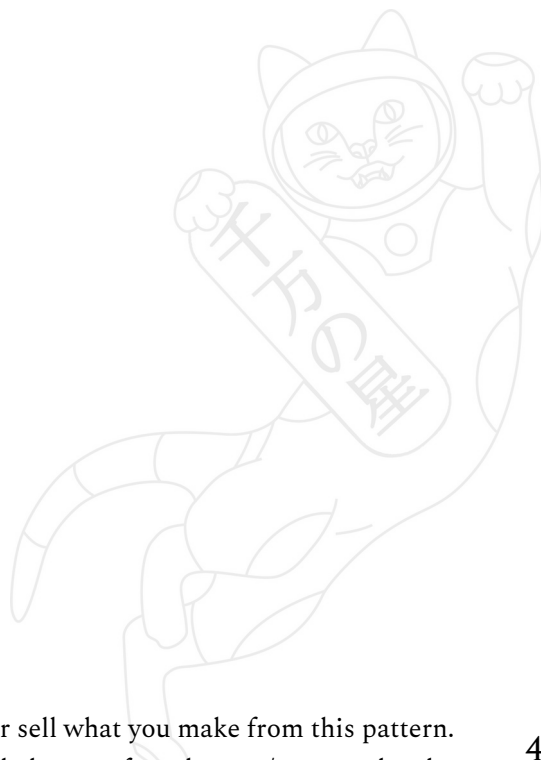


CHART A

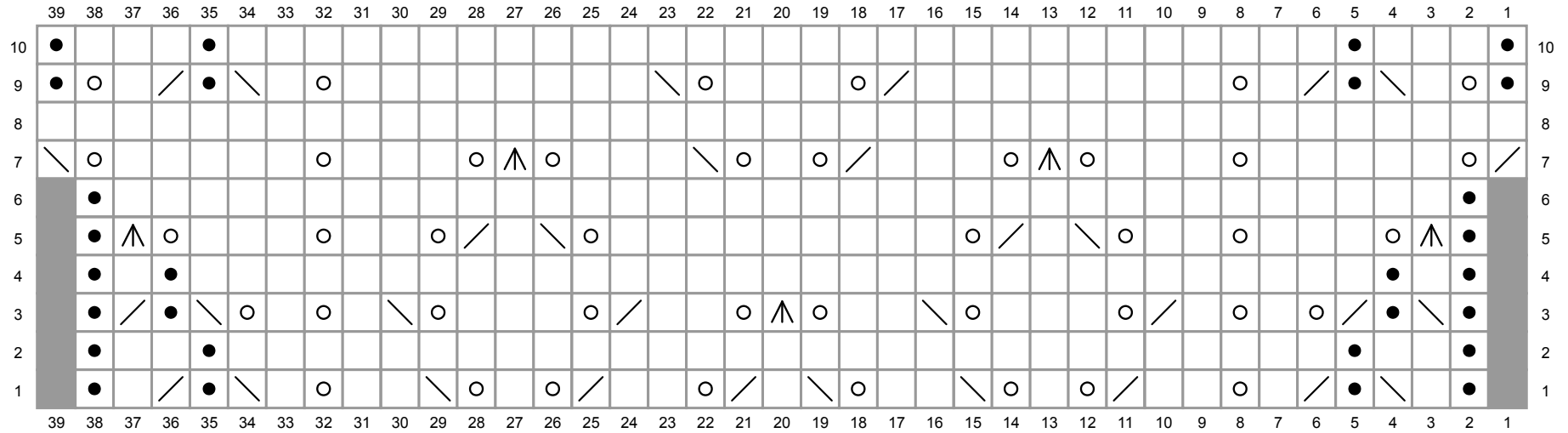


CHART B (DRAWSTRING)

