

Crossed Loop Market Bag ...

Make a colorful string bag for your next shopping trip. A bag that scrunches down to next to nothing until needed; then expands to accommodate more fiber stash purchases or whatever!

Sizing

There are instructions for 2 sizes:

Little Shopper - approximately 20" opening

Big Shopper - approximately 30" opening

Instructions for Big Shopper follow in parentheses when different from Little Shopper.

Overall size is pretty hard to specify, as by nature of the crossed loop stitch, the bag can collapse down to almost nothing but also widen extraordinarily!

I haven't specified a gauge for that reason, and it really doesn't matter for this article anyway. This is just a fun project, so dive right in.

For the yardage calculation, I have allowed for a 20" length, but it's easy to shorten or lengthen your bag as you like.

Materials

String or firm cotton yarn such as size 5 or 10 crochet thread, 5/2 pearl cotton, lightweight carpet warp, etc. or equivalent in a firmly twisted 2- or 3-ply handspun —

For body of bag: 250(375) yards, approximately 2(3½) oz / 60(90) g — a multicolor yarn is striking and fun to work with, but of course a solid color can also be used

For I-cord handles: 50 yards — can be the same yarn or a coordinating solid color

Size 3 or 4 needles —

16" (16" to 24") length circular needle

Pair of double-point needles

Optional: I-cord knitting machine

