NONOTUCK LACE BAG

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In 1886, the Nonotuck Silk Company published a book of knitting patterns for their Florence silk yarn. Originally used in one of their silken mittens, this simple lace pattern is equally lovely in this small drawstring bag. Knit it in a yarn with good stitch definition to make the lace stand out.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS.

Yarn. 100 yd fingering or sport weight yarn
Needles. Size 5 needles for your favorite circular techniques
Notions. 5 stitch markers, 24" of 1/8" to 1/4" ribbon or cord for drawstring
Gauge. Gauge is not important for this bag.

ABBREVIATIONS.

k – knit
k2tog – knit 2 sts together
p – purl *(combination knitters: work Western purls for nicer drawstring eyelets)*
pm – place marker

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/

Slip all 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 two lace repeats until the working area can form a circle.

1. pm for beginning of row, join to beginning of work if using provisional cast on, k around
2-5. k around
6. Marker placement: slip row beginning marker, k6, pm (for chart repeats), k27, pm (for stockinette side), k12, pm (for chart repeats), k27, pm (for stockinette side), k6

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

CHARTED PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS.

Begin working from Chart A:

7. k6, work 3 repeats of chart row 1, k12, work 3 repeats of chart row 1, k6

Continue working row 7 for each chart row. Repeat the chart another 7 times for a total of 8 chart repeats. Including the first stockinette rows, you have worked a total of 54 rows.

DRAWSTRING HOLES.

55-58. k around, removing all markers except beginning of row
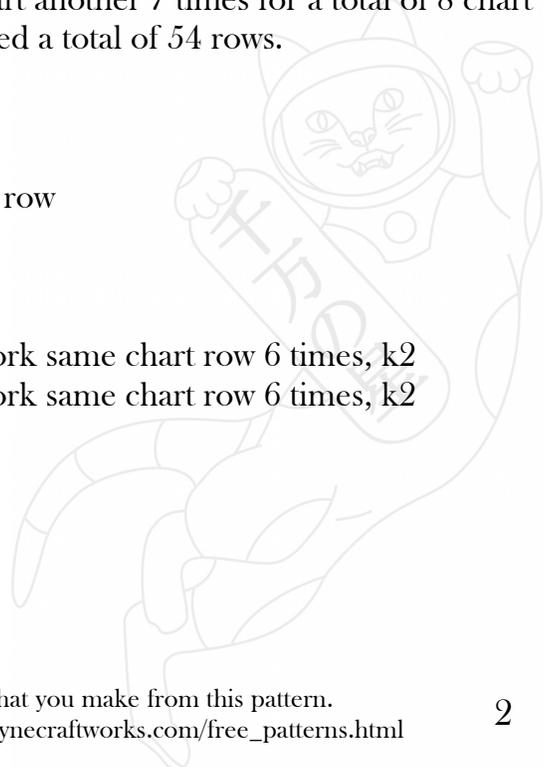
Begin working from Chart B:

59. k1, work chart row 1 of drawstring chart 6 times, k3, work same chart row 6 times, k2
60. k1, work chart row 2 of drawstring chart 6 times, k3, work same chart row 6 times, k2
61-64. k around

LACY EDGING.

65. (yo, k2tog) around

66. k around

WRITTEN PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS.

7. k6, (ssk, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, k2tog) 3 times, k12, (ssk, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, k2tog) 3 times, k6
8. k around
9. k6, (ssk, k1, yo, k3, yo, k1, k2tog) 3 times, k12, (ssk, k1, yo, k3, yo, k1, k2tog) 3 times, k6
10. k around
11. k6, (ssk, yo, k5, yo, k2tog) 3 times, k12, (ssk, yo, k5, yo, k2tog) 3 times, k6
12. k around

Repeat these six rows an additional 7 times for a total of 8 repeats. Including the first stockinette rows, you have worked a total of 54 rows.

DRAWSTRING HOLES.

55-58. k around, removing all markers except beginning of row
59. k1, (k2tog, yo, yo, ssk, k2) 6 times, k3, (k2tog, yo, yo, ssk, k2) 6 times, k2
60. k1, (k2, p1 [in second yo], k3) 6 times, k3, (k2, p1, k3) 6 times, k2
61-64. k around

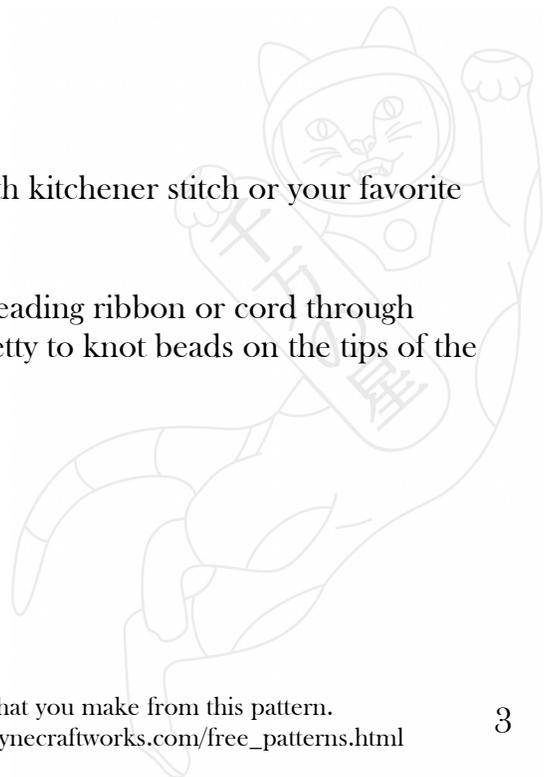## LACY EDGING.

65. (yo, k2tog) around
66. k around

FINISHING.

Bind off loosely.

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

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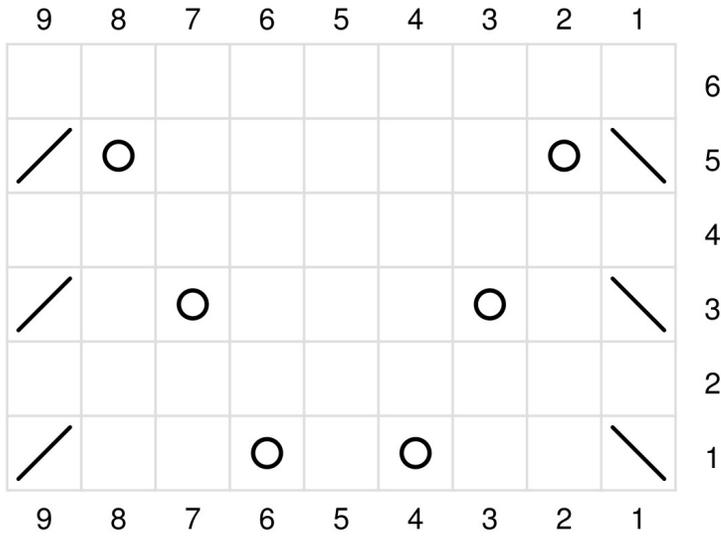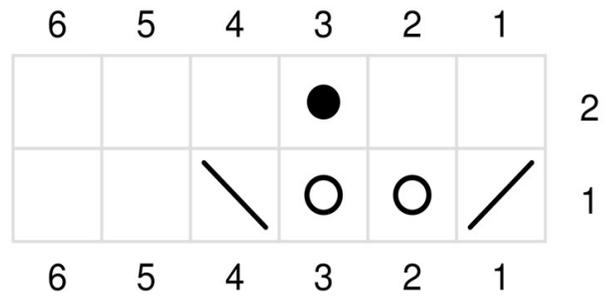
CHARTS.

CHART A.

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9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

CHART B.

6	5	4	3	2	1	
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6 5 4 3 2 1

LEGEND.

☐	Knit
●	Purl
\	Slip knitwise, slip knitwise, knit stitches together
/	Knit 2 together
O	Yarn over