



## Louisa Harding Monsoon Bag

### Yarn

5 balls/hanks of assorted Louisa Harding Yarns as follows:

A: Sari Ribbon, color 07

B: Grace Wool & Silk, 29

C: Millais, 07

D: Nerissa, color 09

E: lanthe, color 13

**Needles:** 4.5 mm (US 7) knitting needles

**Tension/gauge:** 18 sts x 28 rows to 10 cm (4 in) square measured over stripe st st and eyelet pattern using 4.5 mm (US 7) knitting needles.

**Size** Approximately 19 cm x 11 cm (7 ½ in x 4 ¼ in)

**Note:** When joining in new shade leave a tail of approx 7.5 cm (3in) for fringe around hem of Purse.

### Purse

Using 4.5 mm (US 7) needles and yarn A cast on 25 sts.

Now work 50 row eyelet and garter st patt rep as folls:

**Row 1- Yarn A:** Knit.

**Row 2- Yarn A:** K5, P to last 5 sts, K5.

**Row 3- Yarn B:** Knit.

**Row 4- Yarn B:** K5, P to last 5 sts, K5.

**Row 5- Yarn C:** Knit.

**Row 6- Yarn C:** Knit.

**Row 7- Yarn D:** Knit.

**Row 8- Yarn D:** K5, P1, (yo, P2tog) 7 times, K5.

**Row 9- Yarn D:** Knit.  
**Row 10- Yarn D:** Knit.  
**Row 11- Yarn E:** Knit.  
**Row 12- Yarn E:** K5, P to last 5 sts, K5.  
**Row 13- Yarn A:** Knit.  
**Row 14- Yarn A:** K5, P to last 5 sts, K5.  
**Row 15- Yarn B:** Knit.  
**Row 16- Yarn B:** Knit.  
**Row 17- Yarn C:** Knit.  
**Row 18- Yarn C:** K5, P1, (yo, P2tog) 7 times, K5.  
**Row 19- Yarn C:** Knit.  
**Row 20- Yarn C:** Knit.  
**Row 21- Yarn D:** Knit.  
**Row 22- Yarn D:** K5, P to last 5 sts, K5.  
**Row 23- Yarn E:** Knit.  
**Row 24- Yarn E:** K5, P to last 5 sts, K5.  
**Row 25- Yarn A:** Knit.  
**Row 26- Yarn A:** Knit.  
**Row 27- Yarn B:** Knit.  
**Row 28- Yarn B:** K5, P1, (yo, P2tog) 7 times, K5.  
**Row 29- Yarn B:** Knit.  
**Row 30- Yarn B:** Knit.  
**Row 31- Yarn C:** Knit.  
**Row 32- Yarn C:** K5, P to last 5 sts, K5.  
**Row 33- Yarn D:** Knit.  
**Row 34- Yarn D:** K5, P to last 5 sts, K5.  
**Row 35- Yarn E:** Knit.  
**Row 36- Yarn E:** Knit.  
**Row 37- Yarn A:** Knit.  
**Row 38- Yarn A:** K5, P1, (yo, P2tog) 7 times, K5.  
**Row 39- Yarn A:** Knit.  
**Row 40- Yarn A:** Knit.  
**Row 41- Yarn B:** Knit.  
**Row 42- Yarn B:** K5, P to last 5 sts, K5.  
**Row 43- Yarn C:** Knit.  
**Row 44- Yarn C:** K5, P to last 5 sts, K5.  
**Row 45- Yarn D:** Knit.  
**Row 46- Yarn D:** Knit.  
**Row 47- Yarn E:** Knit.  
**Row 48- Yarn E:** K5, P1, (yo, P2tog) 7 times, K5.  
**Row 49- Yarn E:** Knit.  
**Row 50- Yarn E:** Knit.  
Rep these 50 rows until work measures 22cm (**8 ½ in**). Cast off.

### **Making up**

Top edge: Using 4.5 mm (US 7) needles and yarn A, pick up 55 stitches along top edge of knitting. (opposite end from fringe)

**Row 1(WS)- Yarn A:** Knit.  
**Row 2- Yarn B:** Knit.  
**Row 3- Yarn B:** Knit.  
**Row 4- Yarn C:** Knit.  
**Row 5- Yarn C:** K1, P1, (yo, P2tog) 26 times, K1.

**Row 6- Yarn C:** Knit.

**Row 7- Yarn C:** Knit.

**Row 8- Yarn D:** Knit.

**Row 9- Yarn D:** Purl.

**Row 10- Yarn D:** Knit.

**Row 11- Yarn D:** Purl.

**Row 12- Yarn E:** Knit.

Cast of knitwise on WS. Fold purse in half and join side seam.

Sew seam at bottom edge by using running stitch worked on the RS just above fringe ends.

Secure and trim fringe.

Make 2 x twisted cords, each approximately 30.5 cm (12 in) long.

Twisted cord is made as follows: Cut 4 x 3 metre (**10 feet**) lengths of yarn. Knot the strands together at each end. Attach one end to a hook or door handle, insert a knitting needle through the other end. Twist the needle - the tighter the twisting, the firmer the finished cord will be. Hold the cord in the center with one hand (you may need some help); bring both ends of cord together, allowing the two halves to twist together. Keep the cord straight and avoid tangling. Knot the cut ends together and trim. Starting at opposite sides of Bag, thread cords in and out of eyelet holes around top of Bag and knot ends, leaving long lengths as tassels.