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*Size* 9in tall x 16in circumference.

#### Materials

2 balls Elsebeth Lavold's *Hempathy* US4 double-pointed needles (or size needed to obtain gauge)

#### Notions

Locking stitch markers; large, round canister for blocking.

#### Gauge

28 sts x 30 rows in st st in the round.

#### Notes

Bag is worked from the center bottom up.

#### Abbreviations

BO	bind off
CO	cast on
k	knit
kfb	knit into the front and back of st
k2tog	knit 2 sts together
р	purl
sl st	slip stitch without working it
St st	stockinette st
st(s)	stitch(es)
уо	yarn over
wyib	with yarn in back
wyif	with yarn in front

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#### Special Stitch: Linen Stitch

- Row 1: \*K1, sl 1 purlwise wyif, bring yarn back
- between needles, repeat from \* to end.
- **Row 2:** P1, sl 1 purlwise wyib, bring yarn to front between needls, repeat from \* to end.

### **The Pattern**

CO 6 sts. Divide evenly over 3 needles (2 sts each needle). Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist. Place marker to designate beginning of round.

#### Round 1: Knit

Round 2: KFB around (12 sts) Round 3: KFB around (24 sts) Round 4: K even **Round 5:** \*K1, KFB, repeat from \* around (36 sts) Round 6: K even **Round 7:** \*K2, KFB, repeat from \* around (48 sts) Round 8: K even **Round 9:** \*K<sub>3</sub>, KFB, repeat from \* around (60 sts) Round 10: K even **Round 11:** \*K4, KFB, repeat from \* around (72 sts) Round 12: K even **Round 13:** \*K5, KFB, repeat from \* around (84 sts) Round 14: K even Round 15: \*K6, KFB, repeat from \* around (96 sts) Round 16: K even **Round 17:** \*K7, KFB, repeat from \* around (108 sts) Rounds 18 & 19: Knit even Round 20: Purl even Round 21: \*K34, K2tog, repeat from \* around (105 sts)

### Star Triangle Stitch

**Round 22:** \*P6, K1, repeat from \* around **Round 23:** \*P5, K2, repeat from \* around **Round 24:** \*P4, K3, repeat from \* around **Round 25:** \*P3, K4, repeat from \* around **Round 26:** \*P2, K5 repeat from \* around **Round 27:** \*P1, K6, repeat from \* around

Repeat rounds 22 through 27 once more (two repeats of triangle chart)

Round 34: K even Round 35: P even Knit even for 1 inch measured from P round (round 35)

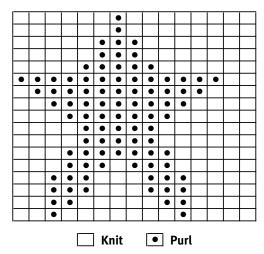
Work Star Chart (you'll have 7 stars around) Clip locking marker to last round of Star chart. Knit even for 1 inch measured from top of Star. P one round. K one round.

Work two repeats of the Triangle Chart. K one round. P one round. K two rounds.

**Eyelet round:** \*YO, K2 tog, K3, repeat from \* around

K even for 1 inch measured from nearest P round. Bind off loosely.

#### Star Chart





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## Handles (make 2)

CO 8 sts (You might want to leave a long tail that you can use to attach to the bag.)

**Row 1:** \*K1, sl 1 purlwise wyif, bring yarn back between needles, repeat from \* to end.

**Row 2:** P1, sl 1 purlwise wyib, bring yarn to front between needles, repeat from \* to end.

These two rows form the Linen Stitch pattern.

Work in Linen Stitch for 12" or desired length.

Bind off (you might want to leave a long tail that you can use to attach to the bag.)

## Finishing

Attach handles firmly to inside of bag on the purl round below the eyelet round.

To position handles: Lay bag flat. Measure 1.5" from the fold point on one side of bag. Attach handle. Repeat for second handle. Weave in all ends

# Monk's Cord Tie

Cut 4 strands each 28" long. Align strands evenly. Tie each end in an overhand knot to secure. Attach one end to a stable surface, such as a door hinge. Holding other end, walk to full length of cord so it is taut. Slip a double pointed needle through the end you are holding. Pinch strands just below the DPN. Rotate DPN clockwise until strands are firmly twisted and begin to kink. Carefully fold cord in half and allow it to twist together. Weave cord through eyelets.

Alternatively, you can make a braid or use a pretty ribbon to cinch the bag shut.

# Blocking

Soak the bag in cold water for several minutes to thoroughly wet. Gently squeeze bag to remove water. Roll it in a towel to remove more water. Place a plastic bag over a large, round canister (I used a 42 oz canister of Quaker Oats.) Place Hempathy Project Pag over plastic bag on canister. Stretch gently to smooth out stitches and open up the Star and Triangle designs. Position canister so Hempathy Project Bag is bottom up. Allow to dry completely.

# **Triangle Chart**

