

## Crystal Palace Yarns

# Deco-Ribbon Triangle Evening Bag with Little Flowers & Popcorn

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This bag is the non-felted version of our [Triangular Felted Bag](#).  
knit in the round and using a unique cast on method, the bag is worked from the bottom up, with no bottom seam to complete later. It works well knitted with the *Magic Loop method*, which is described here, but can also be knitted with double pointed needles or a shorter circular needle and then seamed at the bottom when the bag is finished.

## Materials

1 – 50 gr ball CPY [Deco-Ribbon](#) #9147 Berry Parfait\* (Color A)

1 – 50 gr ball #9398 Ultramarine\* (Color B)

1 – 50 gr ball CPY [Little Flowers](#) #9757 Ultra Blues\*

1 – 50 gr ball CPY [Popcorn](#) #435 Blueberries-Grapes

CPY Bamboo or Daisy Needles

double pointed needles, size 10.5 US

circular, size 10.5, 35" or 40" (for Magic Loop)

1 tapestry needle, 2 stitch holders

*\*For a larger bag, use size 13 needles and two strands of each yarn wherever specified. Purchase 2 balls of each of the Deco-Ribbon and Little Flowers colors. One ball of Popcorn is sufficient.*

**Finished Dimensions:** 8" wide at the base and 9½" tall from the base to the top of the handle (small version)

**Knitting the Bag:** As described in the Closed Bottom Cast On method (see last page) and using 1 strand of Deco-Ribbon Color A and 1 strand of Little Flowers, cast on and knit one round.

**Round 2** K1, SSK, knit to the last three sts on the front ndl, K2tog, K1, and then repeat for the back ndl.

**Rounds 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20** Knit

**Round 4, 6, 8, 12, 16** K1, SSK, knit to the last three sts on the front ndl, K2tog, K1, and then repeat for the back ndl.

**Round 17** Cut Color A, add 1 strand of Popcorn to the 1 strand of Little Flowers. Knit.

**Round 19** Cut Popcorn, add 1 strand of Color B to the 1 strand of Little Flowers. Knit

**Round 21** K1, SSK, knit to the last three sts on the front ndl, K2tog, K1, and then repeat for the back ndl. (16 sts on each ndl remain, 32 total)

**Divide** the bag and K the top points on each side as follows:

K8 sts from the front ndl. Place the next 16 sts on a stitch holder (last 8 sts from the front ndl and the next 8 sts from the back ndl). (16 sts remain on the circular ndl) Work back and forth as follows:

**Row 1** P 16

**Row 2, 6** K

**Rows 3, 5, 7, 9** P

**Row 4** \*K1, SSK, K2, K2tog, K1\* 2 times (12 sts remain)

**Row 8** \*K1, SSK, K2tog, K1\* 2 times (8 sts remain)

**Row 10** \*SSK, K2tog\* 2 times (4 sts remain)

**Row 11** P

Place the 4 sts on a st holder. Return the 16 held sts from the other side of the bag to the ndl. WS facing, attach the yarns and begin knitting the other side as for Row 1. When Row 11 is completed, cut the Little Flowers, switch to dp needles and work I-cord with Color B on the four sts until it measures 6" long (longer for a larger bag). Graft the I-cord to the four held sts on the other side of the bag.



## Finishing

If the Magic Loop and closed cast on method were not used, seam the bottom of the bag. For the part of the bag with the Popcorn knitted in, push the popcorn puffs through from back to front so they are distributed on the front of the bag. Weave in all ends on the wrong side, pulling through from front to back when necessary, and lightly block the bag, if needed.

## Closed Bottom Cast on with Magic Loop Method

**The Magic Loop method** is the technique of using one long circular needle to knit items with a small circumference. It is recommended here as the easiest way to knit this bag. The **Closed Bottom Cast On** used here will result in a seamless bottom for the bag and requires no additional sewing upon completion.

A nice tutorial of the Magic Loop method using a different cast on (long tail), including photos, can be found at <http://www.az.com/~andrade/knit/mloop.html>.

### To summarize how we will cast on,

- Hold both ends of the circular ndl in the right hand.
- Alternately cast on sts with the backward loop method onto each ndl.
- Begin knitting.

Easy! Here's how to do it.

With the long circular ndl and one strand of Color A plus one strand of the Little Flowers, make a slip knot in the yarn and place it on one of the ndl ends. Bring the ndl ends together in your right hand so that they are parallel. Arrange them so that the top ndl holds the knot and the other ndl is next to it. We will call these *Ndl 1 (with the knot)* and *Ndl 2*.

With the working yarns, and using the backwards loop method, cast on one st to *Ndl 2* (now there is one st on each ndl). Proceed to cast on sts, one to *Ndl 1* and then one to *Ndl 2* until each ndl holds 30 sts (total 60). The cast on sts should be snug, but not overly tight, as they will tighten slightly with the first round of knitting. The yarn criss-crosses between the ndls, holding them close together and creating a closed seamless bottom.

Orient the ndl as follows – Ndl tips pointing to the right, the loop of the ndl's cable to the left, and with the working yarns coming up between the two ndl tips from the last cast on stitch on the back ndl (*Ndl 2*). *Ndl 1* should have the beginning yarn tail dangling at the far left and is closest to your body. Half the sts are on *Ndl 1* and half are on *Ndl 2* You are ready to begin knitting.

Pull the tip of *Ndl 2* (back ndl) and let the sts slide onto the cable. Pull it out far enough so that you can then comfortably hold it and begin knitting the sts on *Ndl 1* while still keeping the two sets of sts separated by the looped cable. K 30 sts. The first half of Round 1 is now finished.

*To knit the second half of Round 1*, turn the ndl so the tips are once again pointing right, push the front ndl into the sts you have not yet knitted so they are at the tip and ready to knit, and pull the back ndl out of the sts you have just finished knitting (sliding them back onto the cable) so you have a working ndl to use. K 30. Round 1 is completed. Turn the ndl so the tips are again pointing right and you will be ready to begin Round 2. Always be sure that when you begin to knit each half of the round, the working yarns are coming up between the points of the ndl tips so that it doesn't create a YO (and then later become an extra stitch on the ndl). As you knit the rounds, after about 4 rounds, you will see that the purl side of the knitting (WS) can be pushed down so that the stockinette side (RS) is more clearly visible as the outside of the work and the bag begins to take its shape. Pay close attention to what you are doing, take it one step at a time, and you soon will have mastered a valuable knitting technique.

**For those who prefer to knit with double pointed needles or a smaller circular needle,** simply cast on 60 sts, mark the beginning of your round, and proceed with an open bottom that will be seamed during finishing.

***Special thanks to Terry for making this Triangle Bag Pattern  
a tutorial on Magic Loop and Closed Bottom Cast-On! Knit on!***

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