

# Little Evening Bag

## Materials:

1 skein Cascade Sierra  
small amount of Rittrato  
size 3 needles or size necessary for gauge (I knit loosely, so I usually need smaller needles, hence the size 3)

## Gauge:

20 stitches and 4 rows for 4"

## Instructions:

CO 10

### **Rectangular Base:**

Slip 1 K to end  
Repeat for 60 rows (30 garter stitch ridges)

### **Start of Bag (Knit in the round)**

K10 along short end of base. Place marker.  
Pick up 30 stitches along long side of base. Place marker.  
Pick up 10 stitches along other short end of base. Place marker.  
Pick up 30 stitches along other long side of base. Place marker.  
Join (80 stitches total)

Knit in the round until 5 inches from base, adding in Rittrato and working with two strands as desired.

### **Decrease shaping**

Round 1: \*K1. SSK. K to 3 stitches before marker. K2tog. K1. Repeat from \* 3 more times to complete round (72 stitches).

Round 2: K even.

Rounds 3-6: Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 two more times. There should be 4 stitches between markers on short sides and 24 stitches between markers on long sides. (56 stitches total)

Round 7: \*K4, slip marker. K1. SSK. K to 3 stitches before marker. K2tog. K1, slip marker. Repeat from \* 1 more time. This round decreases each long edge by two stitches. There should be 4 stitches between markers on short sides and 22 stitches between markers on long sides (52 stitches total).

Round 8: K even.

Round 9: Repeat Round 7. There should be 4 stitches between markers on short sides and 20 stitches between markers on long sides (48 stitches total).

### **Top shaping and Eyelets:**

Round 1-4: K even for 4 rounds.

Round 5 - Eyelet Round: Here we are creating an eyelet for the buttonhole and another for the strap. K1. K2tog. K1, Slip marker. K9. BO next 2 stitches. K8. Slip marker. K1. BO next 2 stitches. Slip marker. K20. Slip marker.

Round 6: K3, slip marker. K9. CO2 with backward loop cast-on. K9. Slip marker. K1. CO1 with backward loop cast-on. K1. Slip marker. K20, slip marker. (46 stitches total)

Rounds 7-8: K even.

Round 9: Attach strand of Rittrato. Purl one round.



***Bind off top with elastic BO:***

K3. BO next 43 stitches. K2. \*Slip two stitches back onto left needle. K1. K2tog. Repeat from \* until you get to beginning of the round. 3 stitches remain on needles.

On these 3 stitches work an I-Cord handle as long as you wish. When the handle is as long as you want, pull yarn through all stitches on needles and fasten off.

***Finishing:***

Pull handle through eyelet on side and tie knot in handle to secure. Embellish as desired. Sew button on inside of bag to match with eyelet on side.