



MAGGIE'S RAGS™



Lighthouse Bag

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Inspired by the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, this slouchy bag is the perfect way to carry your knitting, your beach towel and sunscreen, or your picnic. Worked from the bottom up, the brick foundation is built from a simple slipped stitch pattern and shaped intarsia makes perfectly smooth transitions between the striking black and white stripes.



Shown in Brown Sheep Cotton Fleece
80% cotton/20% wool, 215 yards per 100 gram/3.5 oz skein,
colors Cotton Ball (CW100), Cavern (CW005)
and Terracotta Canyon (CW625)

Yarn: Worsted weight cotton, cotton blend, linen, hemp or similar non-stretchy fiber.

Black - 215 yds (197 m)

Brick - 30 yds (27 m)

White - 125 yds (111 m)

Needles: Size 6 US (4 mm) or size needed to achieve correct gauge and needles 2 sizes smaller. You may find it easiest to work on a 24" circular needle rather than straight needles.

Gauge: 24 stitches = 4" (10 cm) in stockinette

Finished Measurements: About 6" (15 cm) in diameter and about 16½" (42 cm) tall.

INSTRUCTIONS

Bottom of Bag

Using black yarn and leaving a tail 12" (30 cm) long, cast on 9 stitches.

Knit one row.

Kfb 8 times, K1 (17 sts total).

Knit one row.

[K1, Kfb] 8 times, K1 (25 sts total).

Knit one row.

[K2, Kfb] 8 times, K1 (33 sts total).

Knit one row.

[K3, Kfb] 8 times, K1 (41 sts total).

Continue to increase in this manner, alternating a plain row with each increase row, and working an additional stitch between each of the 8 increases on each increase row, until there are 105 stitches.

Knit one row.

Next row, K4, YO, K until 4 sts remain, YO, K4 (107 sts).

Brick Foundation

Work 24 rows (3 repeats) of Bricks Pattern.

Bricks Pattern

Rows 1-2: Using black, knit.

Row 3: Using brick, K1, *Slip 1 wyib, K3; repeat from * across until 2 sts remain, Slip 1 wyib, K1.

Row 4: Using brick, P1, *Slip 1 wyif, P3; repeat from * across until 2 sts remain, Slip 1 wyif, P1.

Rows 5-6: Using black, knit.

Row 7: Using brick, K3, *Slip 1 wyib, K3; repeat from * across.

Row 8: Using brick, P3, *Slip 1 wyif, P3; repeat from * across.

Repeat these 8 rows for pattern

Cut rust colored yarn and continue with black.

K1, Kfb, K to end of row (108 sts).

Knit one row.

Striped Tower

You will need two more balls of black yarn and three balls of white, so wind your yarn into separate balls as needed before you begin. Work in stockinette in intarsia, following chart on page 3 for color placement, increases and decreases. Note that no increases or decreases are worked until the third row, and that no increases or decreases are worked when starting or ending a color at the edge of the fabric. When you change colors in the middle of the row, be sure to drop the old color to the left of the new one, and pick up the new one to the right of the old one. This creates an interlock between the colors and prevents holes from forming. Text instructions are included for the first four rows of the chart to help you get started.

Row 1 (RS): [Using black K27, using white K27], repeat once more.

Row 2: [Using white P27, using black P27], repeat once more.

Row 3: Using black K25, K2tog, using white Kfb, K24, K2tog, using black Kfb, K24, K2tog, using white Kfb, K25, using black K1.

Row 4: Using black P1, using white P27, using black, P27, using white P27, using black P26.

Continue in stockinette following chart until final row is completed. You will end with a wrong-side row. Cut all balls of yarn except the ball of black that is attached at the point of the needle.

Top Border

Change to smaller needles and continue with black yarn attached at beginning of row.

Knit 8 rows.

Make Eyelets (RS): K7, K2tog, YO, [K11, K2tog, YO] 7 times, K8 (108 sts).

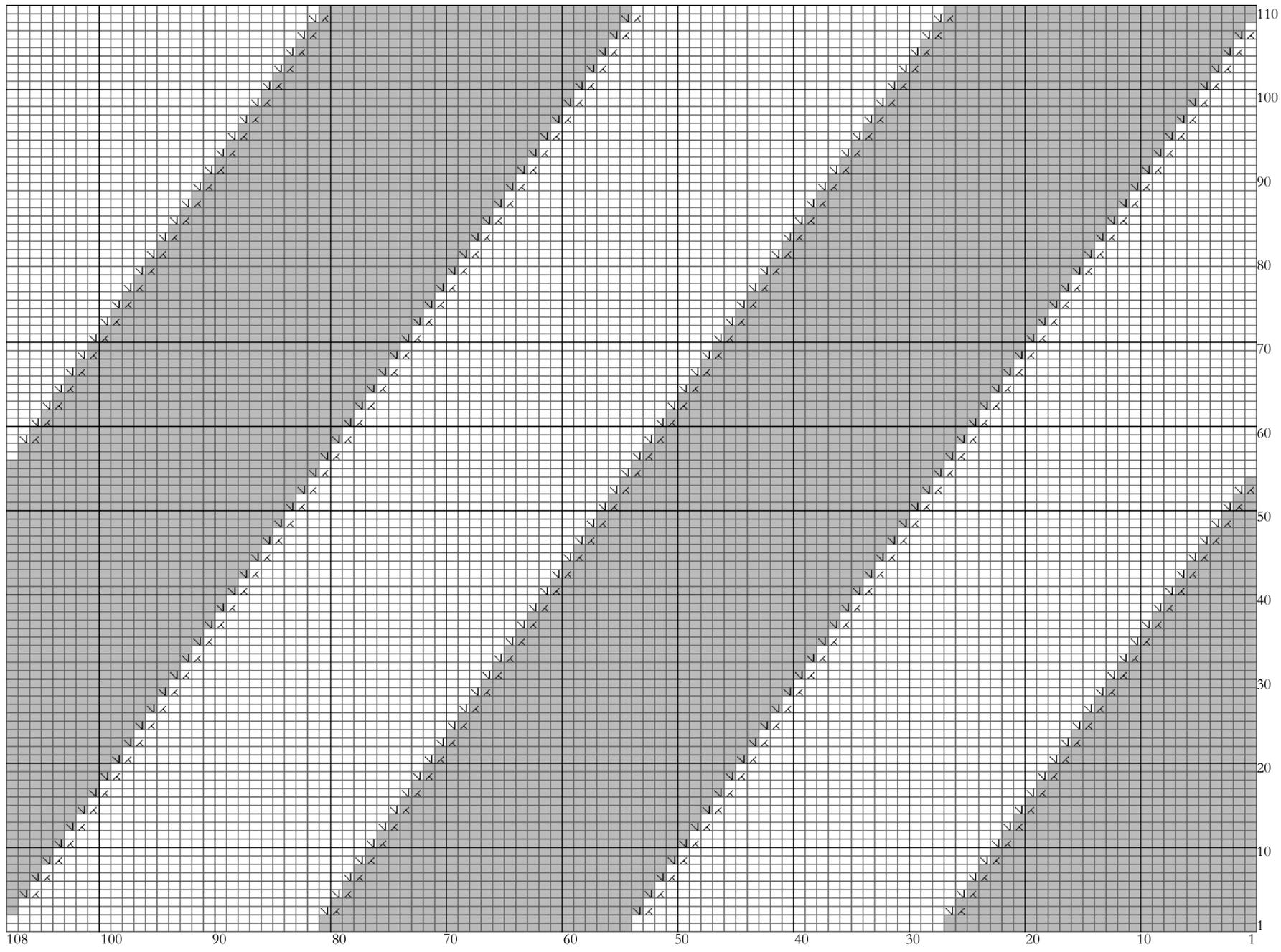
Knit 6 rows

Bind off in knitting on wrong side. Cut yarn, leaving a tail 24" (60 cm) for sewing up.

Finishing

Use the long tail at the bind off to seam from the top of the bag to the bottom of the striped section. Use the shorter black tail at the cast on to seam from the center bottom of the bag to the top of the bricks.

Weave in loose ends on inside.



Key	
□	White
■	Black
▧	Kfb
▩	K2og

Cord

Cut a strand of each color 4 yards (4 meters) long and knot them together at both ends. Have a friend hold one end or hook it over a knob or hook. Twist the three strands tightly together keeping the yarn stretched out so that it doesn't kink or snarl. Still stretching it out, fold it in half. Hook the two knotted ends over the same knob or hook, or have your friend hold both of them. Starting from the folded end, gradually release short sections of the cord, smoothing it out as you go. The six strands will twist back on themselves to make a twisted cord. Knot all the cut ends together to prevent untwisting.

Starting at center front at the top of the bag and working with the folded end of the cord, pull it through the first hole from the outside to the inside of the bag. Lace in and out of three more holes (which will put you next to the seam), then in and out through the two eyelets on either side of the seam at the bottom of the bag. Lace in and out through the four remaining holes at the top of the bag, working from the seam to the center front. Lay the bag flat with the top open and knot the two ends of the cord together at the top of the bag, where they emerge from the eyelets, as shown in picture at right. Knot the end of each cord 2-3" (5-8 cm) below this and trim ends neatly.



Learn more about working intarsia in *The Essential Guide to Color Knitting Techniques*, by Margaret Radcliffe

ABBREVIATIONS	
K	Knit
K2tog	Knit 2 together
Kfb	Increase by knitting into the front and back of a stitch
P	Purl
RS	Right Side
St(s)	Stitch(es)
wyib	With yarn in back
wyif	With yarn in front
YO	Yarn Over

