

# Retro Tote

Made in America Yarns  
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**Materials:** 3 Skeins Florafil Super Soft Cotton Yarn (1 each of A. Lady's Mantle, B. Blue Cornflower, and C. Yellow Cinquefoil)

1 marker

1 Set of Lime handles from Sunbelt

**Gauge:**

**Needles:** US# 9 needles (used for base) and #10 32" circular needle (for body)

**Size:** 16" x 12" x 4"

## Bag Base:

Using #9 needles and Yarn A cast on 48 sts. Knit 24 rows.

Bag Body: Change to #10 needles and pick up 12 sts along short side of base, 48 sts along long side of base, 12 sts along short side, place marker (120 sts)

\* knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd \*, repeat \* to \* 2 more times (total of 6 rows). Change to color B and continue to knit in rnds for 7".

Change to Yarn C and work as follows: Knit 1 round, Purl 1 round, Knit 1 round, Purl 1 round, Knit 6 rounds, Purl 1 round, Knit 1 round.

Purl 1 round decreasing 10 stitches evenly spaced. (110sts)

Change to Yarn A and \*knit 1 round, purl 1 round\* repeat \* to \* 1 more time.

Bind off all stitches, weave in ends, sew on handles.

## Rose

Using Florafil Meadow Super Soft Cotton Yarn Cast on 66 sts and knit 6 rows.

Row 7: \*p2tog, repeat from \* to end (33 sts)

Row 8: \*k2tog, repeat from \* to last st, k1 (17 sts)

Row 9: \*p2tog, repeat from \* to last st, p1



(9sts)

Row 10: \*k2tog, repeat from \* to last st, k1 (5 sts)

Break off yarn and run yarn thru remaining 5 sts. Pull tog firmly and fasten off. Roll into flower shape. Use ends to sew onto tote.

## Leaves(make 2):

Using Florafil Lady's Mantle Super Soft Cotton Yarn Cast on 9 sts

Row 1: K4, YO, K1, YO, K4

Rows 2,4,6,8: Purl

Row 3: K5, YO, K1, YO, K5

Row 5, 7, 9: SL 1, K1, pssso, K to last 2 sts, K2tog.

Row 10: P2tog, P3, P2tog

Row 11: SL 1, K1, pssso, K1, K2tog

Row 12: P3tog

Fasten off. Use end to sew onto tote.

## Base Support:

Cover a piece of plastic canvas with fabric and place in bottom of tote for a sturdier base.