Lantern Date Night Purse

knit pattern

Time to Knit: approx. 3-5 hours
Yarn used:
Body of Purse and Handle:
Vanna's Choice in Black for body of purse and handle – hold two strands together while knitting
I-cord cinch:
Patons Brilliant in White Twinkle
Needles: one pair of size 8 US straight needles, and one single size 17 US straight needle (bamboo is our preference), one pair of size 8 US DPNs
Other Notions: Blunt yarn needle to sew up bottom and back side of purse, and to sew on the handle

NOTES; Before You Get Started:
- *Condo stitch just uses two different size needles to create a faux lace look*

INSTRUCTIONS:

Body of purse:
Long tail cast on 28 (double strand of the black) onto one size 8 needle.
Row 1:   knit row with size 8 needle
Row 2:   knit another row with size 8 needle
Row 3:   knit row with size 17 needle
Row 4:   knit row with size 8 needle
Repeat Row 3 and 4 until piece measures about 7".
End with 1 more knit row with the size 8 needle, then cast off with the size 17 needle.
(WE TOLD YOU IT WAS SUPER EASY!)

Handle of purse:
Long tail cast on 5 stitches with size 8 needles
Using size 8 needles only, knit garter stitch until handle measures about 8". You can make it shorter or longer depending on your preference, but the 8" handle looks good.

front view

I-cord cinch:
Long tail cast on 4 stitches onto one of the size 8 DPN, knit I-cord until it measures about 20" – I threaded it through the bag several times to get an idea where I was on length as I was making it. Again, totally up to you if you want a short bow, long crazy-ass bow, etc. Don't limit yourself to just the silver I-cord, knit up a few other colors to change the look of your purse instantly!

Construction:
Using the yarn needle and the black yarn, sew up bottom and side of bag. Attach handle on the inside, keeping side seam in back of purse. Thread through I-cord, tie a bow, and you are ready to go!

Approximate finished dimensions:
6.5" wide, 7" tall (to top of body of purse)