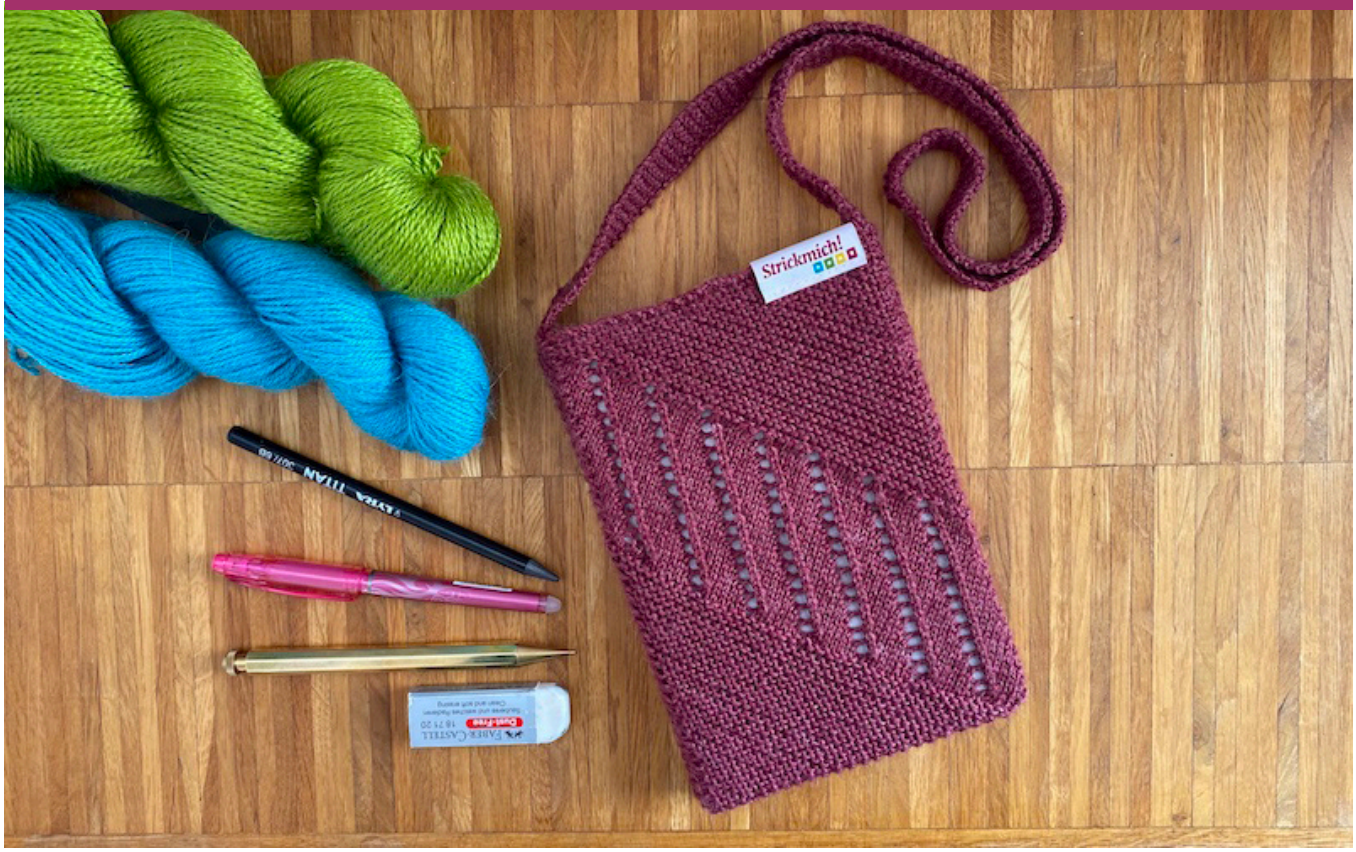
Strickmich!

Knitting Pattern by Martina Behm

Pretty Planner Bag



Strickplaner will be dressing up this year with this cute planner bag embellished with a simple, yet effective lace pattern out of a luxurious but sturdy yarn: wool and silk in combination with ramie. So durable you could make socks out of it! Relaxed garter stitch and the lace pattern alternate, so you will be able to finish this in no time.

You will knit back and forth while strategically placed increases and decreases and a couple of short rows will create the three-dimensional shape of the bag. Except for the tiny bit where the strap is attached, there is no seaming.

Material

- 40 g fingering weight yarn (ca. 425 m / 100 g), here: Pascuali Pinta (60% wool, 20% silk, 20% ramie), color "Weinrot"
- 2 mm (US 0) circular needle, length 80 cm (32 inches)
- 2 ring stitch markers
- tapestry needle
- Strickmich! label, sewing needle and thread (optional)

Gauge

28 stitches and 64 rows / 10 cm / 4 inches in garter stitch

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Instructions

Cast on 7 stitches.
Setup Row: kfb, place marker, knit 5, place marker, m1, knit 1. 9 stitches.
Continue with Part I.

Part I

Row: kfb, knit to marker, slm, knit 5, slm, m1, knit to end.

Note: Every repeat of the Row adds 2 stitches.

Repeat the Row until the long side of the triangle (the one without live stitches) fits around the book cover from front to back, slightly (!) stretched (in the sample, the Row was worked 89 times, 97 stitches). Continue with Part II.

Part II

Rows 1 and 2: knit to marker, slm, knit 5, slm, m1, knit to last stitch, w&t.
Row 3: [knit 4, yo, ssk] repeat until 6 or fewer stitches remain before the marker, knit to marker, slm, knit 5, slm, m1, [knit 4, k2tog, yo] repeat until 6 or fewer stitches remain before next wrapped stitch, knit to 1 before wrapped stitch, w&t.
Row 4: purl to marker, slm, knit 5, slm, m1, purl to 1 before wrapped stitch, w&t.

Note: Every time you work Row 3 or 4, you will wrap an additional stitch that will remain unworked in the following rows and increase one stitch, i.e. the number of stitches to be worked remains constant.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until the middle axis is long enough to cover the book's spine slightly (!) stretched (14 repeats were worked in the sample). Continue with Part III.

kfb knit once into front of loop, leave stitch on the left needle, knit once into back of loop, slip stitch off left needle.

m1 make 1: increase one stitch by wrapping the working yarn around your right needle with half a twist (as for the backwards-loop cast on).

slm slip marker.
yo yarn over.

k2tog knit 2 together.

ssk [slip 1 as if to knit] twice, insert left needle into both sts and knit them together.
w&t wrap and turn, i. e. put yarn in front, slip next stitch, turn work. On the next row, put the yarn in front again and slip the first stitch – you have wrapped one stitch.

Videos about all techniques used: www.strickmich.de/prettyplanner

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Part III

Row: knit to 2 before marker, k2tog, slm, knit 5, slm, knit to 1 before the last wrapped stitch, w&t.

Repeat the Row until only one unwrapped stitch each remains outside of both markers.

Note: Every time you work the Row, you will wrap one additional stitch and knit two together, i.e. the number of stitches to be worked decreases by 2.

Continue with Part IV.

Part IV

Row: slip 1 as if to purl, slm, knit 5, slm, slip 1, pick up the wrap from the next stitch and place it on the left needle, then knit together the slipped stitch, the wrap and the next stitch (3 loops), turn work.

Repeat the Row until no wrapped stitches remain, removing the markers during the last repeat. Continue with Part V.

Part V

Row: purl 1, knit 6.

Repeat the row until the strap has the desired length when stretched to the max. Bind off.

Sew the end of the strap to the opposite side of the bag.

Finishing

Weave in ends, and sew on the Strickmich! label if desired.

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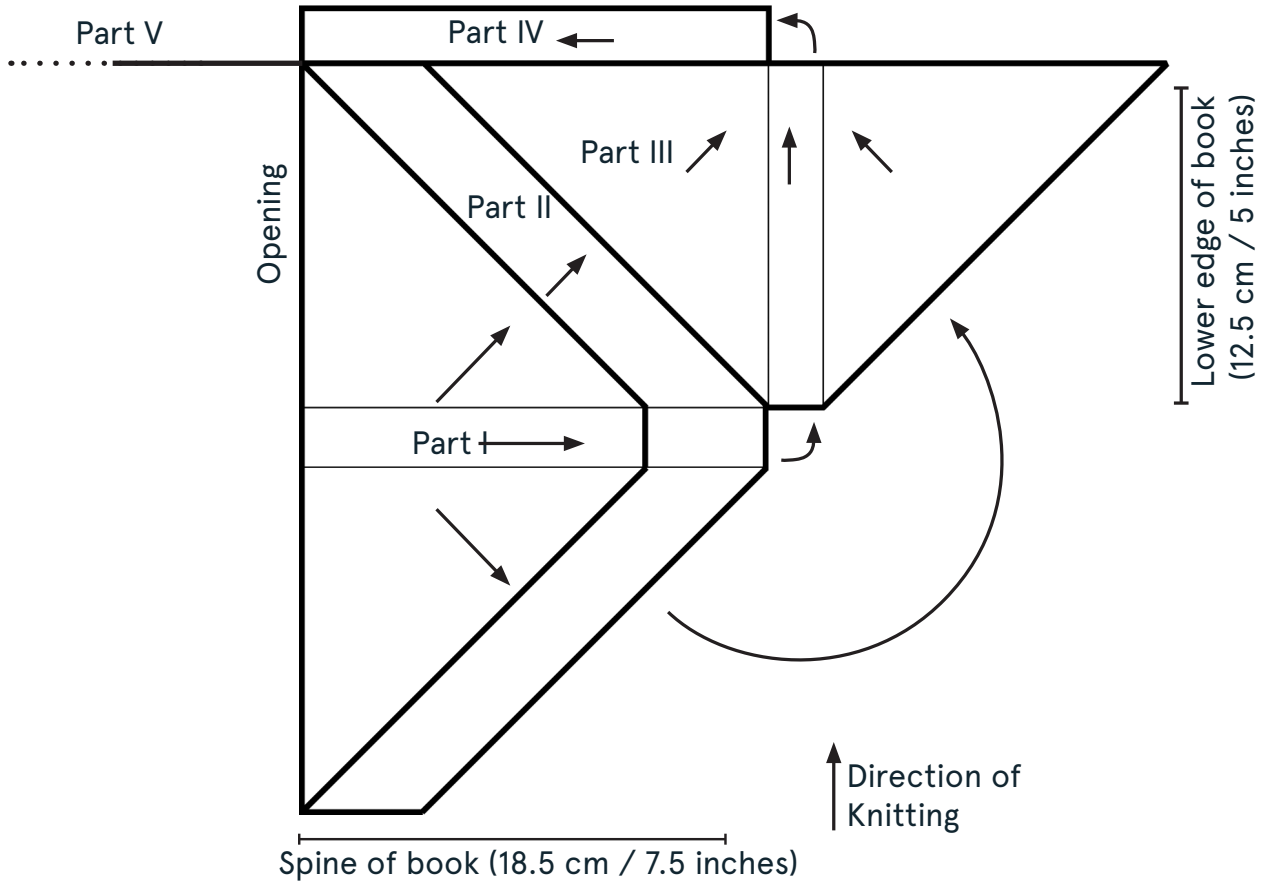

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