



*the Wool Peddler™*

## **Triangular**

*a sari silk bag by Stephanie Shiman*



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Knit in three pieces and on the bias, this bag is designed to show the fabulous range of color variations in recycled silk yarns. Use two skeins of contrasting colored yarn for a more dramatic effect.

Assembly is easy, due to the scrappy nature of the yarn.

Since recycled silk yarns are handspun, they can vary a bit in gauge and weight. This pattern is designed to be knit by size, not by row count or gauge, making any yarn suitable.

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### **SKILL LEVEL**

**Advanced Beginner:** must be able to increase, decrease, and work I-cord

### **FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

7 inches tall, 13 inches wide; strap measures 30 inches

### **MATERIALS**

Kathmandu Recycled Silk, Original [Silk Remnants; 165-180 yds per 200g skein]; 2 skeins

1 pair of any length US #10 circular needle (or size needed to knit a tight fabric suitable for bags)

large button (optional—I-cord knot can be used as a substitute)

cardboard or plastic canvas to create inserts

sewing thread

safety pins

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### **PATTERN**

*Note: use a safety pin to keep track of the right side for increases and decreases*

#### **Triangle Ends: (make two)**

Cast on three stitches.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Kfb, knit to last stitch, kfb.

Repeat these two rows until triangle measures 7 inches on the sides. Bind off stitches, weave in ends.

Measure the bound off edge of your triangle—that's X. Use this number in the following formula to figure the length to knit the main body.

$$7 + 7 + X = Y$$

side + side + bottom = length for main body

**Main body:**

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Cast on three stitches.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Kfb, knit to last stitch, kfb.

Repeat these two rows until triangle measures 13 inches on its side—this will be the width of your bag, then begin row 3.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: Kfb, knit to last two stitches, k2tog.

Repeat these two rows until piece measures Y inches on the longest side, then begin row 5.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: K2tog, knit to last two stitches, k2tog.

When you are back down to three stitches: sl1, k2tog, pss0. Pull yarn through loop to bind off and weave in ends.

### Twisted I-cord strap:

Use double pointed needles or a circular needle to work I-cord. Cast on 4 stitches, work I-cord as follows: \*k 4, slide work to opposite end of needle, (do not turn work) repeat from \* until I-cord measures 64 inches. Bind off.

Secure one end of the I-cord (have someone hold it, put it under a large rock, etc) and twist the other end. Continue to twist until the I-cord begins to twist back on itself. Put the two ends together and adjust twist if necessary. Once you have it how you like it, sew the ends together so it doesn't lose the twist.

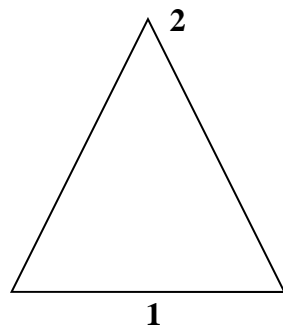
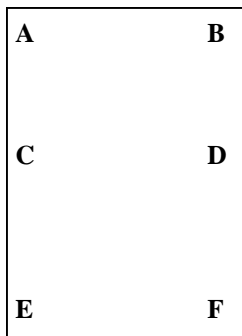
### I-cord button & loop:

Use double pointed needles or a circular needle and cast on 3 stitches. Work I-cord as above (except on 3 sts, not 4) until it measures 6 inches. Bind off.

If an I-cord button is desired, knit it as follows: Use double pointed needles or a circular needle and cast on 3 stitches. Work I-cord as above until it measures 8 inches. Bind off. Hold the ends in one hand, the center of the piece in the other; wrap the center around and tie a knot.

### FINISHING

Refer to the diagram below for the finishing instructions.



Before putting your bag together, trace the outline of your triangle ends on cardboard or plastic canvas. (These pieces will be attached later to the inside of your bag to stiffen it.)

The next step is to sew the triangle ends to the main body. You may find that sewing thread (doubled) is easier to work with than the yarn. Pin the pieces together before sewing it up. Pin the bottom center (1) of one triangle to D on one side of the main body and the bottom center (1) of the second triangle to C on the other side of main body. Pin F & B to point 3 of one triangle and E & A to point 3 of the other triangle. Stitch the sides and main body, adjusting placement as necessary.

Attach the straps to point 3 on each end. Sew an inch or so worth of strap inside the bag with tight stitches to secure it.

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Find the top center of your bag and sew on your button (use sewing thread) or I-cord knot; aim for half an inch or so down the front from the top edge. Use the button loop I-cord and make an appropriate sized opening. Sew into place on opposite side inside the bag's top edge.

After your bag is all sewn up, add your inserts to give it shape. Use the triangles on the ends and cut out a piece for the bottom. The bottom piece should measure X inches wide and 13 inches long. These pieces can be sewn in with sewing thread or yarn. Make the stitches small on the outside of your bag so it doesn't show. Secure each insert with five or so stitches.

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