

# *Beautiful and Practical Netting*

## Small Rectangular Square-Mesh Bag

with Waiting Handle



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# Small Rectangular Square-mesh Net Bag with Diamond-mesh Handles

43 yds of 4-ply worsted weight cotton yarn (for example: Sugar and Cream)

## **Body of Bag**

Using a 1" mesh stick, create a rectangle of square mesh netting that is 10 squares wide and 21 squares long.

### **Begin the Rectangle by Increasing**

Row 1: Net 2 knots into the foundation loop. (2 loops)

Remove the mesh stick and turn the work so that the next row can be worked from left to right. (This will be done at the end of each row.)

Row 2: Net into the first loop on the left; increase by netting twice into the 2nd loop. (3 loops)

Row 3: Net one knot in each loop except the last loop; net 2 knots in that last loop. (4 loops)

Row 4: Net one knot in each loop except the last loop; net 2 knots in that last loop. (5 loops)

Row 5: Net one knot in each loop except the last loop; net 2 knots in that last loop. (6 loops)

Row 6: Net one knot in each loop except the last loop; net 2 knots in that last loop. (7 loops)

Row 7: Net one knot in each loop except the last loop; net 2 knots in that last loop. (8 loops)

Row 8: Net one knot in each loop except the last loop; net 2 knots in that last loop. (9 loops)

Row 9: Net one knot in each loop except the last loop; net 2 knots in that last loop. (10 loops)

Row 10: Net one knot in each loop except the last loop; net 2 knots in that last loop. (11 loops)

Row 11: Net one knot in each loop except the last loop; net 2 knots in that last loop. (12 loops)

### **Turn One Corner**

Row 12: Net 1 knot in each loop until you come to the last 2 loops; net the last 2 loops together. (11 loops)

### **Lengthen Rectangle by Increasing and Decreasing**

Row 13: Net one knot in each loop except the last loop; net 2 knots in that last loop. (12 loops)

Row 14: Net 1 knot in each loop until you come to the last 2 loops; net the last 2 loops together. (11 loops)

Row 15-21: Repeat rows 14 and 15.

### **Turn a Corner and Complete the Rectangle by Decreasing**

Row 22-31: Net 1 knot in each loop until you come to the last 2 loops; net the last 2 loops together.

### **Create Last Corner**

When the row only has 2 loops, net those 2 loops together without using a mesh stick. Begin handle.

### **Waiting Handles**

Double-Wrapped Loop:      Wrap the cord around the mesh stick 2 times before tying the netting knot in the usual manner. The loop formed is three times as long as an unwrapped loop.

### **Prepare to Net the Handle**

1. Place the width of the rectangle near you with the knot just tied in the left-most square.
2. Place a new foundation loop cord through the squares 4 or 5 rows from the edge.
3. Tie foundation loop cord into a circle.
4. Remove the old foundation loop from the tension device.
5. Attach the new foundation loop to the tension device.

## **Handle Part One**

Without a mesh stick, net 1 knot into the corner mesh along the width of the rectangle that is closest to the last knot tied.

Row 1: Using a 1" mesh stick, net 1 Double-Wrapped Loop, in the corner loop and in each diamond mesh over 2 square meshes along the width of the bag body, and into the other corner mesh. There will be 6 loops formed along the width of the rectangle.

Row 2-6: Using a 1" mesh stick, net 1 Double-Wrapped Loop in each of the 6 loops.

Row 7-22: Using a ½" mesh stick, net 1 knot in each loop.

Tie an overhand knot and tighten it just above row 2. The knot will, if tightened properly, completely use one row of Double-Wrapped Loops.

Tie a second overhand knot just before row 6.

## **Complete the First Corner of the Rectangle**

1. Untie and remove both the old and new foundation loops.
2. Net together the first 2 loops made, without using a mesh stick.
3. Place the width of the rectangle near you with the knot just tied in the left-most square.
4. Place a new foundation loop cord through the squares 4 or 5 rows from the edge. .
5. Retie the foundation loop and attach to a tension device.
6. Tie the yarn used in netting the 2 loops together to the yarn on the netting shuttle.
7. Begin the other handle.

## **Handle Part Two**

Repeat instructions for Handle Part One along the edge of the other width of the rectangle.

## **Finish Bag**

Tie handles together with a square or over-hand knot. A six-inch cord is run along the meshes on each length of the bag and tied to form the body of the bag.