

HANDBAGS

1. These may be knit on either the 72, 80, or 100 needle cylinder, using a silk floss, or mercerized thread.
2. Set the machine with a cheap thread or wool yarn having the tension quite loose. The knitting should be set up on every other cylinder needle as the ribbing attachment is to be used. Place ribbing attachment on the Knitter and knit a few rounds as you would when starting the top of a ribbed hose. Break the yarn used to set the machine up and tie on the thread you intend using for the bag.
3. Knit one round with this silk thread and turn switch lever to the selvedge position; knit two rounds and turn switch lever back to the ribbing position; knit one round and turn the switch lever back to the selvedge position. (You will note that this is the same as making the selvedge on a ribbed top of hosiery.)
4. Keep on making these selvedges until you have made about 18 or 20 of them, then continue to knit about 25 or 30 rounds of ribbed knitting, tightening the tension $\frac{1}{2}$ turn every 5 rounds until the knitting begins to creep up on the cylinder needles.
5. Break the thread and run the knitting off the machine. With a needle run a double strand of the silk through each stitch at the open end of bag and pull the end together to close bottom.
6. Make a tassel by wrapping about 25 rounds of the silk around a piece of cardboard 2 inches wide. Tie all the threads together at one side of the card board and cut the threads at the other side. Crochet or plait a cord about 2 feet long. Thread this through the stitches about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from top and fasten the ends together. Another tassel at the point where the thread is fastened will add to the appearance of the bag.
7. Another method of making an attractive bag is to knit a series of selvedges as described above. Instead of knitting 25 or 30 rounds of plain ribbing after you have knit the 18 or 20 selvedges put the cylinder needles in the empty slots of the cylinder and transfer the ribber stitches to these needles. Knit 2 rounds of plain knitting, loosening the tension $\frac{1}{2}$ turn of the cam nut. Knit a toe, knitting down to the last 4 needles instead of down to 12 or 14 needles as you would do if you were knitting the toe of a hose. Then complete the second half of toe. Instead of running the knitting off the needles knit about 5 rounds with dividing cotton or other cheap yarn. Close the opening as you would the toe of a hose and then rip out the dividing cotton. This will save pressing toe and prevent stitches from being dropped.
8. Five tassels will make this a very attractive bag, placing one at bottom, one at each side where you start to narrow off, and one on each side of bag between the 2 corner tassels. Make a string for closing top and insert it as above described.