



## \* Raffia Handbag \*

**Designed for the Knifty Knitter Loom Set**

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\* **Supplies:** Knifty Knitter Green Loom & Tool ~1 Button-On-Bag #9850 in Nat. Twill  
~All Nat Raffia Palms 80ft Continuous Strand Raffia in these colors:

- 1 Roll of Color for Bottom & Stripes • 2 Rolls of Color for Handles & Stripes
- 1 Roll of each add'l Color of Stripes (sample uses 2 add'l colors)
- ~5.5mm Crochet Hook ~Yarn Needle ~Scissors ~Hot Glue & Gun

### \* Bag Wrap

\* Using the color raffia desired for the bottom of your bag, Cast on to your Green Loom using the e'wrap method and *Panel Knit* using 12 pegs, for 12 rows.

\* *E'wrap the entire loom, & knit 24 rows...switching colors every 2 rows.* The sample uses the bottom color for the first 2 rows.

\* Trim raffia to approx. 4" and cast on again, using the same color as the bottom, onto *peg #22*. *Panel Knit* from *peg #22-#27* (6 pegs) for 20 rows.

\* *Cast off* these 6 pegs using the *crochet cast off*.

\* *Cast off remaining pegs*, beginning with *peg #28*, all the way around to *peg #21*, using the *crochet cast off*.

\**Note:* you will end up at a place without a tail...use the tail from the strap cast on to pull thru & knot.

\* Go through your piece, square knotting each color change and loose end. Trim each to 3/4".



\* Slip your knitted shell over your purse form, aligning the knitted strap overlay with the form's snap strap. Pull the 4 unbuttoned handle loops through the 20<sup>th</sup> knitted row. Fold the last 4 rows of raffia over the top of the form and button the straps back into place.

\* Using a yarn needle & the same color raffia used for the bottom, *whipstitch* the bottom flap closed. Make sure to whipstitch *all four sides* to square off bottom evenly. Knot and weave in ends.



### **\*Handles**

\* You will now create 2 handles for your bag. You may knit your handles using a *Knitting Bobby* (spool knitter)...or you can use your Blue loom to create a *3-peg I-Cord*. To do this, you will simply *Panel Knit*, using only 3 pegs. Knit your handles 20" long.

\*When you are ready to attach your handles, just pull them through the button loops & tie in place.

\*You can then add the finishing touches. Tie a length of raffia to one of the handles, where it is tied to the form, and wrap around the knot area repeatedly until you achieve the desired affect and your strap looks professionally finished.

\* Pull the end through the bottom of the wraps, where it will be hidden. Using your heated glue gun, glue the end securely & neatly in place. Repeat this for the other 3 straps.

\* You may wish to carefully reinforce any places in your bag where the raffia knit is fairly thin. You can do this by carefully applying a thin line of hot glue over the area. Be careful not to touch the hot glue until it is completely dried, as this will make the glue cloudy and easy to see. You might want to add a dab to your knots as well.



\* The circled area shows the detail of the strap finishing.

**\*Enjoy your new Raffia Bag!**