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Albem

knit in **Ultra™ Alpaca**
Skill level: **Intermediate**

Albem is a cabled bag with knitted handle, tassels and a button closure.

PDF Pattern Instructions
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One size

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Approximately 10" across x 10" high (Not including strap)

MATERIALS
3 Hanks BERROCO ULTRA ALPACA (100 grs), #6285 Oceanic Mix
Straight knitting needles, sizes 10 (6.00 mm) and 10 1/2 (7.00 mm)
Crochet hook, size 3.50 mm (E)
1 Cable needle (cn)
One 1 1/2" button

NOTE
There are no gauge requirements for this project.

STITCH GLOSSARY
CB4

Sl 2 sts to cn and hold in BACK, k2, then k2 from cn

CABLE PATTERN (Multiple of 10 sts + 4)
Row 1 (RS): K1, * k2, p2, k4, p2, rep from * across, end k3.
Row 2: K1, k the k sts and p the p sts as they face you to last st, end k1.
Row 3: K1, * k2, p2, CB4, p2, rep from * across, end k3.
Row 4: Rep Row 2.
Rep these 4 rows for Cable Pat.

FRONT
With larger straight needles, using 2 strands of yarn held tog, cast on 44 sts. Work even in Cable Pat for 8", end on RS. Bind off, decreasing 12 sts across.

BACK
Work same as front for 8", end on WS. Knit the next row, decreasing 8 sts across – 36 sts. Knit 1 row more.
Flap: Follow Chart until 22 rows have been completed, end on WS – 22 sts. Bind off.

STRAP/GUSSET
With smaller straight needles, using 2 strands of yarn held tog, cast on 9 sts.
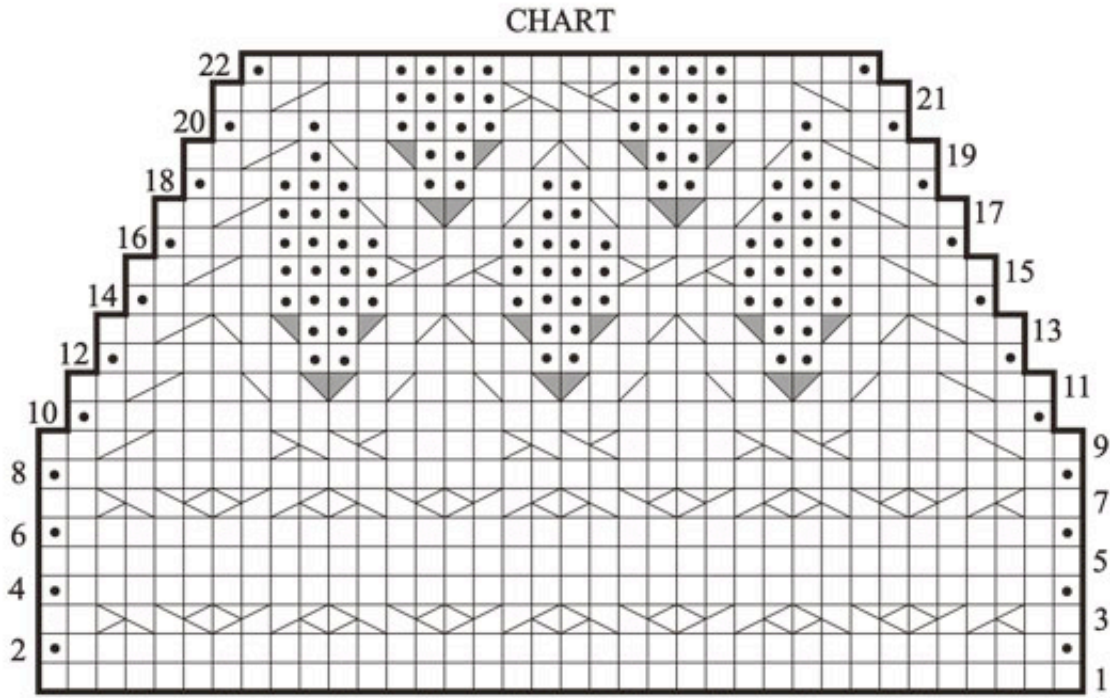**Row 1 (RS):** K1, * p1, k1, rep from * across.
Row 2: P1, * k1, p1, rep from * across. Rep these 2 rows until piece measures 50", end on WS. Bind off in ribbing.

FINISHING
Sew cast-on and bound-off ends of Strap/Gusset tog being careful not to twist. Placing seam at center of lower edge, sew side edges of Strap/Gusset to lower and side edges of back and front leaving remaining edge free for strap. Sew side edges of strap tog forming a tube.
Edging: With RS facing, using crochet hook and 2 strands of yarn held tog, beg at side, work in Reverse sc around seam joining gusset and front of bag, working through double thickness, then across top of bag, join with a sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Work in same manner around seam joining gusset and back of bag, then around outer edge of flap, join with a sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Fold flap down, then work in Reverse sc across fold, working through double thickness of flap and bag. Fasten off.
Tassels (Make 4): Cut one 8" long strand of yarn and one 12" long strand of yarn. Wrap yarn multiple times around a 3" long piece of cardboard. Cut the lower end to free wrapped strands. Tie the center of strands with 8" long strand. Fold strands in half over tie and wrap 12" long strand around all strands 1" down from top. Tie and draw ends into center of tassel. With crochet hook, join single strand of yarn in top of first tassel, make a chain 18" long, join in top of second tassel. Fasten off. Repeat with third and fourth tassels. Tie one chain around each side of strap as in photo. With crochet hook, join single strand of yarn in WS of flap edging 3/4" to the left of center. Make a chain 1 1/2" long, then join in WS of flap edging 3/4" to the right of center forming buttonloop. Sew button to front of bag under buttonloop.

CHART

KEY TO CHART

☐   K on RS, p on WS

·   P on RS, k on WS

SSK

K2 tog

Sl 2 sts to cn and hold in BACK, k2, then k2 from cn

Sl 2 sts to cn and hold in FRONT, k2, then k2 from cn

Sl 1 st to cn and hold in BACK, k2, then p1 from cn

Sl 2 sts to cn and hold in FRONT, p1, then k2 from cn