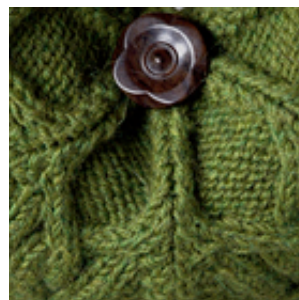# Brea Bag

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

The front and back of our crescent shaped bag are each comprised of four segments of a hexagon, knit from the outside in. A simple cable pattern repeated four times combines to resemble a lotus flower.

One size

SIZE
Approximately 11" across x 7" high x 2 1/2" deep (Not including handle)

MATERIALS
2 Hanks BERROCO ULTRA ALPACA (100 grs), #6275 Pea Soup Mix
Straight knitting needles, size 9 OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
Crochet hook, size 4.00 mm (F)
Cable needle (cn)
1 Leather handle from M&J Trimmings
One 1 1/2" button
Tapestry needle

GAUGE
14 sts = 4"; 20 rows = 4" in Moss St with 2 strands of yarn held tog on size 9 needles
TO SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE

STITCH GLOSSARY
CF5
Sl 2 sts to cn and hold in FRONT, k2, p1, then k2 from cn.
CB4
Sl 2 sts to cn and hold in BACK, k2, then p2 from cn.

CF4
Sl 2 sts to cn and hold in FRONT, p2, the k2 from cn.

MOSS STITCH (Even number of sts)
Rows 1 and 2: * K1, p1, rep from * across.
Rows 3 and 4: * P1, k1, rep from * across.
Rep these 4 rows for Moss St.

NOTE
You will decrease 8 sts on every RS row of Pat St until there are 6 sts remaining.

PATTERN STITCH
Row 1 (RS): * K2 tog, p1, (k1, p1) 3 times, k2, p2, k2, p1, k2, p2, k2, (p1, k1) 3 times, p1, SSK, rep from * 3 times more.
Row 2 and all WS rows: K the k sts and p the p sts as they face you.
Row 3: * K2 tog, (p1, k1) 3 times, k2, p2, k2, p1, k2, p2, k2, (k1, p1) 3 times, SSK, rep from * 3 times more.
Row 5: * K2 tog, p1, (k1, p1) twice, k2, p2, CF5, p2, k2, p1, (k1, p1) twice, SSK, rep from * 3 times more.
Row 7: * K2 tog, (p1, k1) twice, k2, p2, k2, p1, k2, p2, k2, (k1, p1) twice, SSK, rep from * 3 times more.
Row 9: * K2 tog, p1, k1, p1, k2, p2, k2, p1, k2, p2, k2, p1, k1, p1, SSK, rep from * 3 times more.
Row 11: * K2 tog, p1, k3, p2, CF5, p2, k3, p1, SSK, rep from * 3 times more.
Row 13: * K2 tog, p1, k2, CB4, p1, CF4, k2, p1, SSK, rep from * 3 times more.
Row 15: * K2 tog, CB4, p5, CF4, SSK, rep from * 3 times more.
Row 17: * K2 tog, k1, p9, k1, SSK, rep from * 3 times more.
Row 19: * K2 tog, p9, SSK, rep from * 3 times more.
Row 21:* K2 tog, p7, SSK, rep from * 3 times more.
Row 23: * K2 tog, p5, SSK, rep from * 3 times more.
Row 25: * K2 tog, p3, SSK, rep from * 3 times more.
Row 27: * K2 tog, p1, SSK, rep from * 3 times more.
Row 29: * Sl 2 tog knitwise, k1, psso, rep from * 3 times more.

BAG BACK
With straight needles, using 2 strand of yarn held tog, cast on 126 sts. Purl 1 row.
Keeping 1 st at each side in St st, work remaining sts in Pat St until 29 rows have been completed, end on RS – 6 sts. Break off yarn leaving a 6" end. Thread end into tapestry needle and draw through all sts on needle. Pull up tightly and secure. This point is center of top back edge.

BAG FRONT
Work same as bag back.

GUSSET
With straight needles, using 2 strand of yarn held tog, cast on 8 sts. Work even in Moss St for 18 rows, end on WS.
Inc Row (RS): Work 1, M1, work to last st, M1, work 1 – 10 sts. Work 7 rows even, then rep Inc Row, working incs into Moss St – 12 sts. Mark beg and end of last row.
Work even until piece above markers reaches from right top corner of bag back around outer edge to left top corner, end on WS. Mark beg and end of last row.

Dec Row (RS): Work 1, k2 tog, work to last 3 sts, work 2 tog, work 1 – 10 sts. Work 7 rows even, then rep Dec Row – 8 sts. Work even for 18 rows, end on WS. Bind off.

FINISHING
With RS facing, using crochet hook and 2 strands of yarn held tog, work in Reverse Sc along top edges of bag back and front. Sew side edges of gusset to bag back and front matching markers at each end of gusset with right and left top corners of bag. Fold ends of gusset before and after markers to WS over ends of handle and sew in place.
Buttonloop: With RS facing, using crochet hook, join 2 strands of yarn held tog in center top edge of bag back. Ch 15, join with a sl st in first ch forming a loop. Work 10 Reverse Sc's in loop, join with a sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Sew button to center front of bag 1" down from top edge.