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# Lucca

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

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colorway 1

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BOOKMARK



Our cabled messenger bag is shown here with a fairisle flap.

**One size**

**SIZE**  
Approximately 13" wide x 11" high (Not including strap)

Charts HTML

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**MATERIALS**

**For Colorway 1:** 4 Hanks **BERROCO ULTRA ALPACA** (100 grs), #6249 Fennel (MC), and 1 hank each #6247 Fern (A), #6236 Chianti (B), #6226 Pumpkin Puree (C), #6279 Potting Soil Mix (D), #6229 Sweet Potato (E) and #6227 Henna (F)

**For Colorway 2:** 4 Hanks #6201 Winter White (MC), and 1 hank each #6203 Camel Hair (A), #6231 Saddle Brown (B), #6204 Buckwheat (C), #6245 Pitch Black (D), #6206 Light Grey (E) and #6246 Teal Green (F)

**For Colorway 3:** 4 Hanks #6283 Lavender Mix (MC), and 1 hank each #6231 Saddle Brown (A), #6249 Fennel (B), #6275 Pea Soup Mix (C), #6246 Teal Green (D), #6237 Reddish Purple (E) and #6240 Blue Violet (F)

**For Colorway 4:** 4 Hanks #6250 Park Bench (MC), and 1 hank each #6228 Chestnut (A), #6235 Fuschia (B), #6226 Pumpkin Puree (C), #6288 Blueberry Mix (D), #6275 Pea Soup Mix (E) and #6252 Cadet (F)

Straight knitting needles, sizes 6 and 8 OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE

16" Length circular knitting needle, size 6

Cable needle (cn)

4 St markers

## GAUGE

26 sts = 4"; 35 rows = 4" in Cable Pat on size 8 needles

TO SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE

## STITCH GLOSSARY

### CB4

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

### CF4

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

### CB5

Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in BACK, k2, sl last st from cn to LH needle and p this st, then k2 from cn

### RT3

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

### LT3

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

## CABLE PATTERN (Worked over 4 sts)

**Row 1 (RS):** CB4.

**Row 2:** Purl.

**Row 3:** Knit.

**Row 4:** Purl.

Rep these 4 rows for Cable Pat.

## BAG FRONT

With larger needles, using MC, cast on 85 sts.

**Establish Pat St: Row 1 (RS):** K1, p1, k1, p5, \* work Row 1 of Cable Pat over 4 sts, p3, k1, p1, k1, p3, rep from \* 4 times more, work Row 1 of Cable Pat over 4 sts, p5, k1, p1, k1.

**Row 2:** K the k sts and p the p sts as they face you. Work even in pat as established until piece measures 2" from beg, end on WS.

**Dec Row (RS):** K1, p1, k1, p2 tog, work to last 5 sts, p2 tog, k1, p1, k1 – 83 sts. Rep this dec every 6th row twice more – 79 sts. Work even until piece measures 10" from beg, end on WS. Bind off

## BAG BACK

Work same as bag front.

## FLAP

With larger straight needles, using F, cast on 57 sts. Knit 2 rows. Working in St st, keeping 1 st each side in MC, follow [Chart 1](#) until 14 rows have been completed, end on WS. Discontinue MC st at each edge and work even following [Chart 2](#) until 54 rows have been completed, end on WS. Bind off.

**Ribbing:** With Rs facing, using circular needle and MC, beg at bound-off edge of flap, pick up and k32 sts along right edge, 1 st in corner, 59 sts along cast-on edge, 1 st in 2nd corner, then 32 sts along left edge – 125 sts.

**Row 1 (WS):** (P1, k1) 16 times, place marker, p1, place marker, p1, (k1, p1) 29 times, place marker, p1, place marker, (p1, k1) 16 times.

**Row 2:** \* Work in ribbing as established to marker, M1k, sl marker, k1, sl marker, M1k, rep from \* once more, work in ribbing as established to end – 129 sts. Work 1 row even, end on WS. Bind off in ribbing.

**Shoulder Strap:** With smaller needles, using 2 strands of yarn held tog, cast on 11 sts. Work in ribbing same as bag flap until strap reaches from center of cast-on edge of bag back to right side of bound-off edge, end on WS. Mark end of last row.

**Next Row (RS):** Sl 1, \* p1, k1, rep from \* across.

**Following Row:** Sl 1, \* k1, p1, rep from \* across. Rep these 2 rows for 32", end on WS. Mark end of last row. Work in ribbing same as bag flap until piece measures same length as first section from cast-on edge to first marker, end on WS. Bind off.

## FINISHING

Sew bound-off edge of flap to bound-off edge of bag back. Sew cast-on edge of strap to bound-off edge being careful not to twist strap. Sew one side edge of strap to back of bag matching markers with right and left sides of bound-off edge and with seam at center bottom. Sew the other side of strap to front of bag in same manner. Sew button to center of bag flap 2" up from bound-off edge. **Note:** Button is decorative, not functional.

**Twisted Cords:** Cut four 112" long strands of yarn. Put strands tog and fold in half. Tie ends in a knot. Holding the knot in your hand, slip a pencil through the knotted end and twist until cord is so tight that it can't be twisted further and starts to double back on itself. Put one finger in center of cord and carefully fold in half, letting 2 ends of cord twist tog. Knot end. Carefully cut cord into 4 sections measuring 3", 6", 9" and 12", knotting ends as you cut so that cords don't unwind. Sew one end of each cord to left top edge of bag front on edge of shoulder strap. Make four 2" pompons and sew one to each free cord end.

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