

## DOMINO BEACH TOTE

*Abbreviations: st(s)= stitch(es)*

*k= knit*

*p= purl*

*k3tog= knit 3 sts together*

*RS= right side*

*WS= wrong side*

**Design:** Lankava Oy, Pia Heilä

**Finished size:** approx. 32x36 cm

**Yarn:** Mini Tube Yarn: approx. 230 g in Jeans blue (22), and approx. 270 g in Unbleached (2) (80% recycled cotton, 20% polyester, 1 kg = approx. 355 m)

**Other supplies:** 1.4x60 cm red (05) bag handles (faux leather), sewing thread in same colors as the tube yarn, strong unbleached cotton twine for sewing the handles (e.g. 18-ply cotton twine), and both sharp and blunt sewing needle.

**Needles:** 6 mm (US 10) circular knitting needle, or according to personal gauge

**Hook:** 5 mm (US H)

**Garment stitch:** Flat: Knit every row.

**Gauge:** approx. 13.5 sts and 28 rows over un-washed garter st = 10 cm

**Instructions:** The tote bag has 8 blue and 8 unbleached white domino pieces. The pieces get smaller towards the bag opening. First, knit 4 pieces for the base from the big roll, then from smaller balls, according to instructions. Knit the pieces for the next round using the balls left attached to each base piece, to make less ends to be weaved in. Try to have the yarn running so that it does not twist. Note that the gauge is rather tight to make a sturdy tote.

**Domino piece:** With Jeans blue and knitted cast on, cast on 35 sts (=make a beginning loop on left needle, \*k1 with the right needle, and move the new st on the left needle\*, repeat \*-\* until you have 35 sts).

**Row 1 (WS):** K34, p1. Mark the middle st.

**Row 2 (RS):** Slip 1<sup>st</sup> st knitwise, k until 1 st remaining before the marker, k3tog (= slip 2 knitwise, k1, pass slipped sts over), k until 1 st remaining, p1.

**Row 3:** Slip 1 knitwise, k until 1 st remaining, p1. Repeat rows 2-3, until 3 sts remain in the work. On RS, k3tog. Pull the st into a loop, and take the roll though it to stop unraveling. Do not tighten the loop and do not cut yarn. Weigh the piece (approx. 35 g). Then, unravel the same amount of yarn to make a 2<sup>nd</sup> piece, cut yarn, wind into a ball, and leave waiting.

Make 2 x 70 g ball for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> piece. Use a 70 g ball to knit another domino piece as before. Start knitting the pieces together by picking up sts from the neighboring piece (see picture). Note: Always pick up the st through 2 edge loops, to make a neater seam. Take a 70 g ball and begin from the A edge: Push the needle to WS through the beginning corner, bring yarn through and put the loop on needle. Pick up 16 more sts with the needle, and 1 more with a hook (= 18 sts). Use a hook to pick up the 1<sup>st</sup> st of B edge, and take the last st of A edge over this st (= the corner st), pick up 17 more sts from B edge = 35 sts. Knit the domino piece according to instructions and leave the yarn waiting. Take the original roll to work, pick up 17 sts from C edge, 1 corner st, and 17 sts from edge D (= 35 sts), knit the piece, but leave the last st waiting on the needle, do not cut yarn. The base (made of 4 pieces) is now done.

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Continue from the base with four 33-st pieces: \*\*Take up the needle with 1 st waiting to work, pick up 32 sts to follow it: skip 1 st after the corner st, pick up 15 sts from the edge, pick up 1 corner st with hook from between 2 pieces, pick up 15 sts with needle from the edge of the next piece, skip 1, and pick up 1 st with hook from 1 row below the corner st (= take hook to WS one row below the corner st, pull yarn through and lift the st on needle) = 33 sts.

Knit the piece as before, cut yarn and take the tail though the st but do not tighten\*\*. Continue as follows:

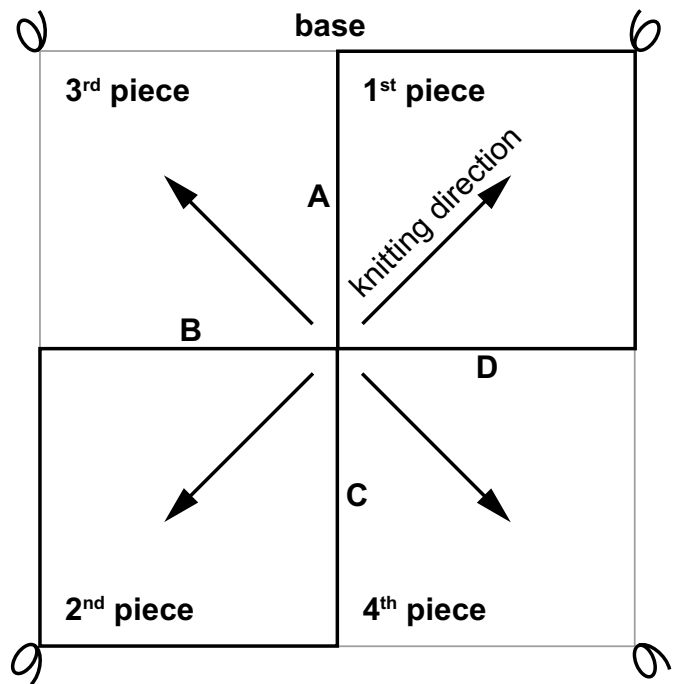
\*Loosen the corner st of the base piece on the left, take ball through loop, and put the st on the needle, pick up 32 more sts as in the previous piece (= 33 sts) and use the ball attached to knit this piece\*. Repeat \*-\* 2 more times = 8 pieces in blue. Switch to Unbleached Mini.

Wind 3 small balls of approx. 65 g, and use them to knit the following 3 pieces. \*Loosen the corner st and lift the st on the needle, knit it and pick up 32 sts to follow it= 33 sts. Knit the piece as before, put the ball through the last st and leave waiting.\* Loosen the corner st of the piece on the left, repeat \*-\* 3 more times, and leave the last st of the last piece waiting on the needle. Make four more 31-st pieces, i.e. skip 1 st before and after a corner st = 31 sts (see knitting a 33-st piece marked with \*\*-\*\*) = 8 pieces with Unbleached.

**Finishing:** Crochet into the bag opening with Unbleached.

**Round 1:** Begin from the side of the bag between 2 pieces, chain 1, single crochet in each st around, except make 3 single crochet in each corner st.

**Rnd 2:** 1 slip stitch into the back loop of each st, close the rnd with a slip stitch. Weave in ends and secure the ends to WS with couple of small stitches. Wash the bag at 30-40 °C in the machine to shrink it to measurements. Shape while wet. Sew the handles on with the unbleached cotton twine.



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