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# FLAMEKEEPER TAROT BAG

## Keep Your Deck Cozy and Warm on a Cold Winter's Night!

The graceful curl of a flickering candle flame flows around the entirety of this drawstring tarot pouch. This lacy pattern impresses without stress: it's fancy but no-fuss.



A fun rolled cuff top and a snazzy drawstring channel start off this knit tarot or gift bag easily enough. But as sophisticated as the flame chevron pattern looks, it flows smoothly following a logical order. The curving rows of eyelets give you a quick peek into the bag to see what deck is inside. The top-down pattern is knit in the round on three double pointed needles.

My signature decrease sequence creates a close-fitting, shapely bottom that perfectly fits your deck, holding it securely in place with a strong stitched seam.

Although the finger cord drawstring is a cinch to make, it's even faster if you opt to use a ribbon or purchased cord. Any way you close the deal, some dangling crow beads add a festive touch.

The bag is sized to fit a standard tarot deck. You can knit three bags and their drawstrings from a 100 gram ball of yarn, so give them as gifts or bust through your stash.

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## Skill Level

- ♦ Easy

## Finished Size

- ♦ Approximately 4 1/2" wide by 6 1/2" tall—fits a standard size tarot deck

## Gauge

- ♦ 20 st = 4" in stockinette. Gauge is relevant but not critical.

## Materials

- ♦ 100g (218 yds) Knitting Fever Painted Sky, Color: #229 Jungle Juice, 100% SuperWash Wool

- ♦ 2-6 crow beads in contrasting colors

I was able to knit three standard size bags out of every 100 g ball.

## Supplies

- ♦ US Size 7 (4.5 mm) DPNs
- ♦ Tapestry Needle

## Abbreviations

**CO** cast on

**DPNs** double pointed needles

**g** grams

**k** knit

**k2tog** knit two stitches together

**mm** millimeter

**ssk** slip the first stitch as if to knit, slip the second stitch as if to knit, then insert the left-hand needle into the front of both stitches and knit them together

**st** stitch

**yds** yards

**yo** yarn over



## Flamekeeper Tarot Bag Instructions

### Casting On

CO 42 stitches, divide between three DPNs, 14 stitches per needle. Join to knit in the round.

### Rolled Cuff and Eyelet for Drawstring

Rows 1-6: knit

Row 7: \*k2tog, yo, k1 repeat from \*

Rows 8-13: knit

### Pattern

Row 14: \* ssk, k5, yo; repeat from \*

Row 15 and all odd rows through Row 35: Knit all sts.

Row 16: \* ssk, k4, yo, k1; repeat from \*

Row 18: \* ssk, k3, yo, k2; repeat from \*

Row 20: \* ssk, k2, yo, k3; repeat from \*

Row 22: \* ssk, k1, yo, k4; repeat from \*

Row 24: \* ssk, yo, k5; repeat from \*

Row 26: \* yo, k5, k2tog; repeat from \*

Row 28: \* k1, yo, k4, k2tog; repeat from \*

Row 30: \* k2, yo, k3, k2tog; repeat from \*

Row 32: \* k3, yo, k2, k2tog; repeat from \*

Row 34: \* k4, yo, k1, k2tog; repeat from \*

Row 36: \* k5, yo, k2tog; repeat from \*

### Shaping the Bottom of Bag

Row 37: k14, k2tog, k24, k2tog

Row 38: k14, k2tog, k22, k2tog

Row 39: k14, k2tog, k20, k2tog

Row 40: k14, k2tog, k18, k2tog

Row 41: k14, k2tog, k16, k2tog

Row 42: k14, k2tog, k14, k2tog

Row 43: k14, k2tog, k12, k2tog

### Finishing

Bind off and cut the yarn leaving an 18" tail.

Stitch the bottom together with an overhand stitch.

Weave in ends.

### Drawstrings

I made an 18" finger cord drawstring out of 4 yds of yarn. Alternately, you can use i-cord, lucet cord, or purchased cord or narrow ribbon. Decorate the ends of the cord with crow beads or other beads with a wide hole, knotting under the beads.