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a bundle (larger bag shown): 18 inches across

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100% rayon from banana trees;
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[CC] frabjous fibers Sari Ribbon: 1 skein
silk, etc; 25 yd per 50g skein; color: multi

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30 inch US #7/4.5mm circular needle (or needle size needed to knit at a tight gauge)

Notions: 15-20 yds of waste yarn a little heavier than the Banana Silk (or a finer yarn, used with multiple strands together); 4 stitch markers; yarn needle, large focal button; 2, 1.25 inch D-rings (for ribbon strap on "a bundle"); sewing thread in yarn color (for ribbon strap on "a bundle")

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Row 2 and all WS rows: sl 1 pwise, purl to last st, k 1.

Row 3 and all RS rows: sl 1 kwise (edging) ; sl 1, k1, p1sso; *knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, pm, K2tog*, repeat from * to * end K2tog, K 1. (10 sts decreased)

Work rows 2 and 3 until 4 sts remain before the first marker. Then work as follows:

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Row 7: sl 1 kwise, SSK, pm, *K2tog, knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, pm*, repeat from * to *, end K2tog, K1.

Row 9 and all RS rows: sl 1 kwise, k 1, pm, *K2tog, knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, pm*, repeat from * to *, end K2.

When 3 sts remain between the center markers, work 1 more purl row removing markers as you go.

Cut yarn leaving 1.5 foot long tail, pull through remaining sts to bind off (turn the 1st st as you thread the yarn through it). Use tail to sew center closed, if necessary.**Gusset:** Recover 144 (216) sts from provisional cast-on.

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Side Two: Now work as for side one, beginning with Row 1.**I-cord Strap:** Pick up 3 (4) sts at the crest of the gusset with the size 7 circulars. With yarn double, use size 9 doublepoints and work 3 (4) st i-cord for 5 (14) inches. Sew to opposite side.**Sari Ribbon Strap:** With 3 strands of Sari Ribbon held together measure out a 8 foot length. (You may wish to pick and choose sections of the ribbon that best coordinate with your bag color.) Wrap one end around one D-ring and finger chain a strap 14 inches long. Pull ends through loop to bind-off and use tail to secure to second D-ring. Weave in ends.

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