Vegetable Basket

Materials:

2 balls Kathmandu Aran, 50 g/1.75 oz, 104 yds, 85% Merino Wool, 10% Silk, 5% Cashmere

size 8 dpn needles

size 8 circular needle 24"

½ yard of fabric

2 sheets of plastic canvas, 7 sq to the inch or other material to provide a firm base and sides.

.10 (25 mm) illusion cord

Finished sizes

medium: approximately 10" x 3" large: approximately 11" x 3¾"1

Gauge: 18 sts = 4" in st st in the round. Check your gauge to save time.



Abbreviations

K	knit	rep	repeat
Kfb	knit in front and back of stitch	rnd(s)	round(s)
M 1	make 1	st(s)	stitch(es)
P1	nurl	st st	stockinette stitch

Directions are for the medium basket with large size in parentheses.

Bottom of Basket

Cast on 4 sts and place on 3 needles.

Rnd 1 and all odd rnds: K.

Rnd 2: Kfb in each st. (8 sts)

Rnd 4: *M1, k1,* rep between ** around. (16 sts)

Rnd 6: *M1, k 2,* rep between ** around. (24 sts)

Repeat rnds 5 and 6, increasing 8 sts every other rnd until there are 136 (152) sts.

Knit 1 rnd.

Purl 1 rnd (bottom edge).

Begin side of basket

Rnds 1 - 5: *K4, p4,* rep between ** around.

Rnds 6 - 10: *P4, k4,* rep between ** around.

Repeat rnds 1 - 10 once.

For large only, repeat Rnds 1 - 5 once more.

Hint: When changing from a knit to a purl stitch, wrap the yarn clockwise (instead of counterclockwise) and purl. This will result in a tighter knit stitch.

Bind off (applied i-cord)

With right side facing and using cable cast-on (or other knit cast-on), cast on 3 sts.

*K 2 sts, K2 tog through back loops, slide the 3 sts from the right-hand needle to the left-hand needle. Rep from * until 3 sts remain. Bind off.

Finishing

Sew bound off edge of i-cord to cast-on edge.

Cut the plastic canvas to shape and, using illusion cord, sew the plastic to the bottom and to the side of the basket. Line the basket with fabric.

