

# 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"

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)
M1	make 1	st(s)	stitch(es)
P1	purl	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.

