

## Bits and Bobs Crafts Exclusive Pattern

### Pucker Up for PH

### Blue Lips Shoulder Bag

#### Materials:

100g of blue knitting wool (DK)  
Size 3.75mm needles  
Blue seed beads / decorative beads  
Beading wire  
Lining Fabric – cotton is best  
1 -2 Small pop fasteners



#### Abbreviations:

CO – Cast on K – Knit P-Purl  
St - Stitch  
SS – Stocking Stitch  
M1– Increase by picking up a loop between this st and next st, K in back  
K2tog – K 2 together, K3 tog – K 3 together

#### Working in SS throughout

CO 5sts

#### INCREASE ROWS

Row 1 K1 M1 K1, p1, K1 M1 K1 (7sts)

Row 2 **And all alternate rows P to centre st, K1, p to end**

Row 3 K1 M1 K2 M1 p1 M1 K2 M1 K1 (11sts)

Row 5 K5 M1 p1 M1 K5 (13sts)

Row 7 K1 M1 K5 M1 p1 M1 K5 M1 K1 (17sts)

Row 9 K8 M1 p1 M1 K9 (19sts)

Row 11 K1 M1 K8 M1 p1 M1 K8 M1 K1 (23sts)

Row 13 K11 M1 p1 M1 K11 (25sts)

Row 15 K1 M1 K11 M1 p1 M1 K11 M1 K1 (23sts)

**Continue to repeat rows 15 and 16 until there are 61 sts on the needle ( 24 rows)**

Row 25 K1 M1 K29 P1 K29 M1 K1 (63)

Row 27 K1 M1 K30 M1 P1 K30 M1 K1 (67)

Repeat rows 25-28 until 101 sts on needle (78 rows)

#### Shape For Lips

Row 79 K1 M1 K1 M1 K48 P1 K48 M1 K1 M1 K1 (105 STS)

Row 81 K1 M1 K1 M1 K50 P1 K50 M1 K1 M1 K1 (109 STS)

Row 83 K54 P1 K54

Row 85 K1 M1 K1 M1 K52 M1 P1 M1 K52 M1 K1 M1 K1 (115 STS)

Row 87 K57 P1 K57 (115 STS)

Row 89 K57 P1 K57

Row 91 K3 TOG K55 P1 K55 K3 TOG (113 STS)

Row 93 K3 TOG K53 M1 P1 M1 K53 K3 TOG (105 STS)

Row 95 K3 TOG K51 P1 K51 K3 TOG (99 STS)

Row 97 K3 TOG K47 K2 TOG P1 K2 TOG K47 K3 TOG (97 STS)

Row 99 K1 M1 K1 M1 K46 P1 K46 M1 K1 M1 K1 (101 STS)

**ROWS 101-106 AS ROWS 99 – 100 (113sts)**

Row 107 K54 K2 TOG P1 K2 TOG K54 (111sts)

Row 109 K55 P1 K55 (111sts)

Row 111 K3 TOG K52 K2 TOG P1 K2 TOG K2 TOG (105sts)

**Row 113** K52 P1 K52  
**Row 115** K3 TOG K48 P1 K48 K3 TOG (101sts)  
**Row 117** K3 TOG K45 P1 K45 K3 TOG (97 sts)

#### **Decrease rows**

**Row 119** K2tog K48 P1 K48 K2tog (95sts)  
**Row 121** K2tog K45 K2tog P1 K2tog K45 K2tog (91sts)

#### **Rows 123 – 142 AS ROWS 118 – 122 (61STS)**

**Row 143** K2tog K30 K2tog P1 K2tog K30 K2tog (57sts)

#### **Rows 145 – 166 as rows 143 - 4**

**Row 167** K4 K2tog p1 K2tog K4 (11sts)  
**Row 169** K2tog K1 K2tog p1 K2tog K1 K2tog (5sts)  
**Row 171** K5  
**Row 173** Cast off

#### **SHOULDER STRAP**

**CO** 12 sts

**Work in pattern until strap measures 75 cm or a comfortable length for a shoulder strap for you:**

**Row 1** K2 p1 K2 P1 K2 p1 K2 p1  
**Row 2** As row 1

#### **Making Up:**

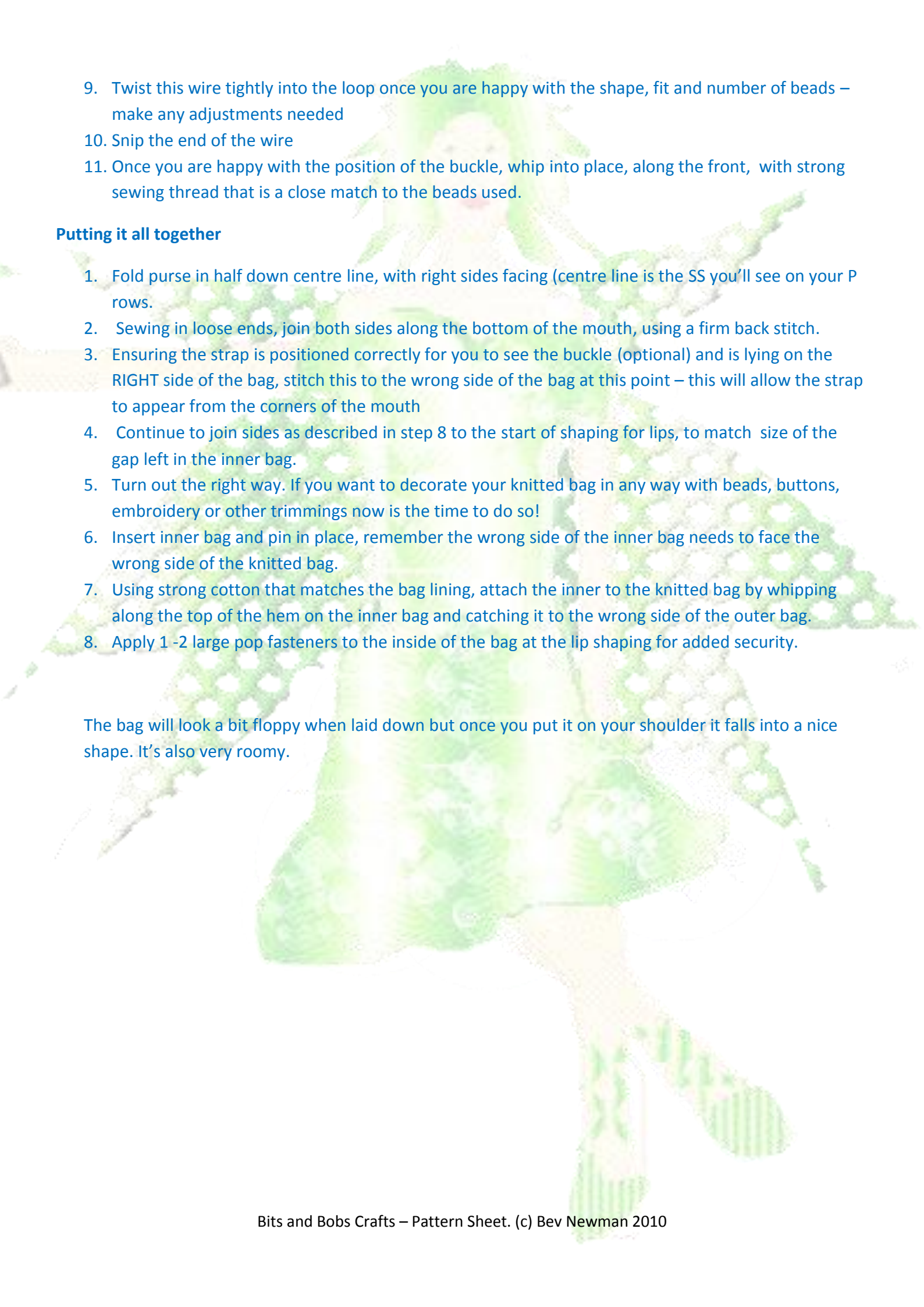
##### **Bag Lining**

1. Fold bag in half, draw around outline onto a sheet of paper – A3 size (an old newspaper, magazine or wrapping paper is fine) and remove the bag
2. Draw a second outline, about 1-2cm wider than your original outline, for your seam allowances
3. Cut 2 pieces of cotton lining fabric to the pattern you have just made
4. Pin the 2 pieces together, right sides facing, leaving an opening at the “bumps” made by the top lip wide enough for you to use to put things in and out of the bag
5. Sew around the outline carefully either on a machine or by hand to form an inner bag, turn out the right way once completed
6. Pin down a 1.5 cm hem on the top lips, you may need to snip into the curve to ease the material. Once complete, turn the inner bag inside out again – we will “hand – whip” this in place when we line the bag.

##### **The Buckle (Optional)**

1. Take an 18 – 20cm length of beading wire (the colour doesn't matter)
2. Form a small loop at one end and twist into place (will help to form the buckle shape)
3. Make into a rough outline of a mouth – top lips, bottom lips, centre line – this line is essential for making the buckle stay on the strap – **DO NOT TRIM TO SIZE AT THIS POINT.**
4. Feed the strap through the buckle to test for size – adjust the length of wire if needed and remove.
5. Ease any sharp “corners” in your mouth shape and thread on seed beads until the wire is covered loosely, with a 1 cm gap at the end - you will need some ease to do the final shaping.
6. Twist the wire into the shape of a mouth as described in Step 3
7. Thread the end of the wire into the small loop you made in step 2
8. Fit back onto the bag strap



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9. Twist this wire tightly into the loop once you are happy with the shape, fit and number of beads – make any adjustments needed
  10. Snip the end of the wire
  11. Once you are happy with the position of the buckle, whip into place, along the front, with strong sewing thread that is a close match to the beads used.

### Putting it all together

1. Fold purse in half down centre line, with right sides facing (centre line is the SS you'll see on your P rows.
2. Sewing in loose ends, join both sides along the bottom of the mouth, using a firm back stitch.
3. Ensuring the strap is positioned correctly for you to see the buckle (optional) and is lying on the RIGHT side of the bag, stitch this to the wrong side of the bag at this point – this will allow the strap to appear from the corners of the mouth
4. Continue to join sides as described in step 8 to the start of shaping for lips, to match size of the gap left in the inner bag.
5. Turn out the right way. If you want to decorate your knitted bag in any way with beads, buttons, embroidery or other trimmings now is the time to do so!
6. Insert inner bag and pin in place, remember the wrong side of the inner bag needs to face the wrong side of the knitted bag.
7. Using strong cotton that matches the bag lining, attach the inner to the knitted bag by whipping along the top of the hem on the inner bag and catching it to the wrong side of the outer bag.
8. Apply 1 -2 large pop fasteners to the inside of the bag at the lip shaping for added security.

The bag will look a bit floppy when laid down but once you put it on your shoulder it falls into a nice shape. It's also very roomy.