

# Aran Granny Bag: A Detailed Guide for Hand Knitting

As a beginner knitter, venturing into the world of handcrafting can be an exciting yet daunting journey. Embarking upon a project that produces a functional and exquisite item can boost your confidence and ignite a lifelong passion for this rewarding craft.



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Amongst the myriad of beginner-friendly knitting projects, the Aran Granny Bag stands out as a perfect starting point. Its captivating design, featuring intricate granny squares, exudes timeless elegance while offering a touch of modern flair.

In this comprehensive guide, we will delve into the captivating world of hand knitting and provide a step-by-step tutorial for creating your very own Aran Granny Bag. With our detailed instructions, you will master the art of

casting on, working through each row, and finally binding off, ensuring a delightful knitting experience.

### **Materials You'll Need:**

- Aran-weight yarn, approximately 1000 yards (914 meters)
- Size 5 (3.75mm) knitting needles, or the size recommended for your chosen yarn
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Measuring tape

### **Step 1: Casting On**

1. Make a slip knot and place it on the left-hand needle.
2. Insert the right-hand needle into the slip knot, hook the yarn from behind, and pull it through to create a new loop on the right-hand needle.
3. Slide the new loop onto the left-hand needle.
4. Repeat steps 2-3 until you have cast on the desired number of stitches, which will be the width of your bag.

### **Step 2: Creating the Granny Squares**

The Aran Granny Bag is made up of individual granny squares, which are then joined together to form the body of the bag. Each granny square consists of three rounds, with the first round forming the center and the subsequent rounds creating the intricate lace patterns.

### **Round 1:**

1. Knit 6 stitches.
2. (Make 1, knit 2 together) 6 times. [Make 1 means to knit into the front and back loops of the same stitch to create an increase.]
3. Knit 1 stitch.

### **Round 2:**

1. Knit 3 stitches.
2. (Make 1, knit 2 together, make 1) 6 times.
3. Knit 1 stitch.

### **Round 3:**

1. Knit 3 stitches.
2. (Make 1, knit 2 together, make 1, knit 2 together, make 1) 6 times.
3. Knit 1 stitch.

Repeat Rounds 2 and 3 until the granny square reaches the desired size. You can adjust the number of repetitions to create larger or smaller squares.

### **Step 3: Joining the Granny Squares**

Once you have created the desired number of granny squares, it's time to join them together to form the body of the bag.

1. Place two granny squares side by side, with their right sides facing each other.

2. Using a tapestry needle and yarn, sew the two squares together along the edges, using a mattress stitch or slip stitch.
3. Repeat step 2 until all the granny squares are joined together.

#### **Step 4: Creating the Straps**

The Aran Granny Bag features two sturdy straps that make it easy to carry. To create the straps:

1. Cast on 10 stitches.
2. Knit every row until the strap reaches the desired length.
3. Bind off all stitches.
4. Repeat steps 1-3 to create the second strap.

#### **Step 5: Attaching the Straps**

To attach the straps to the body of the bag, simply sew them onto the top corners of the bag, using a tapestry needle and yarn.

#### **Step 6: Finishing Touches**

To complete your Aran Granny Bag, you can add a few finishing touches such as:

- Weaving in any loose ends.
- Blocking the bag to even out the stitches and give it a professional-looking finish.
- Adding a lining to the bag for extra durability and a polished look.

Congratulations! You have now successfully knitted your own Aran Granny Bag. Not only have you created a beautiful and functional item, but you have also embarked on a journey of creativity and craftsmanship that can bring you countless hours of joy and fulfillment.

Whether you use your Aran Granny Bag for everyday errands, special occasions, or simply as a stylish accessory, it is sure to become a cherished treasure that reflects your love for hand knitting and your unique sense of style.

As you continue your knitting journey, we encourage you to explore new patterns, try different yarns, and experiment with various techniques. The world of hand knitting is vast and filled with endless possibilities, so let your creativity shine and create one-of-a-kind pieces that bring warmth, beauty, and individuality to your life.



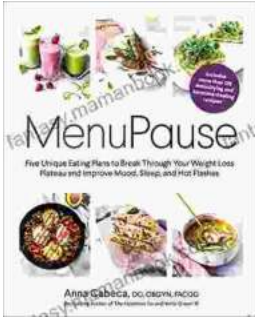
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