

# Lady Di Evening Bag

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**Materials:**

3 (4) balls of *Glisten* by Louisa Harding  
1 hank of *Sari Ribbon* by Louisa Harding  
US 5 40" needles or set of DPN's  
Size 6 crochet hook  
5 (7) tubes of Miyuki Japanese triangular beads - Size 5  
Big Eye Needle  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  yard of fabric for lining  
Small or Medium French Knitter for I-cord  
8" hex spring closure for 8" wide purse  
Magnetic clasp for closure (optional)

**Gauge:**

5.5 sts/inch on US needle

**Sizing:****Special Sts:**

**PB:** (place bead) bring working yarn to front, slide bead up to needle tip, slip next stitch, bring yarn to back

Cast on 78 sts using waist yarn and the provisional cast on method. Join into the round making sure none of the sts are twisted.

Rounds 1 & 2: Knit.

Round 3: \*K1, PB, repeat from \* around.

Round 4: Knit around

Round 5: \*PB, K1, repeat from \* around.

Round 6: Knit around

Repeat rounds 3 - 6 3 more times.

Round 19 - 22: Knit

Round 23: K2, \*PB, K5, repeat from \* until there are 2 sts

Rounds 24 - 27: Knit

Round 28: K4, \*PB, K5, repeat from \* around

Repeat rounds 19 - 28 2 (3) more times

Knit 12 (16) rounds

Repeat rounds 3 - 6 one (two) time(s)

Knit 4 (12 if using hex spring closure) rounds and bind off.

### **Ribbon rows:**

Use crochet hook and work as follows:

- ♦ Working to right, insert hook two rows above last bead row, pull up a 2" loop through the stitch
- ♦ Insert hook one st above previous loop made, pull up a 2" loop
- ♦ Pull 2nd loop through 1st loop and tighten 2nd loop; adjust, as required, for uniformity
- ♦ Skip 2 sts, insert hook into next st and repeat process of making loops all the way around the bag
- ♦ Repeat these 3 steps for 3 rounds

### **Closure:**

Make a chain to desired length. Leave a long tail (about 12") and thread 12 beads onto tail. Slip st remaining tail through chain to form a loop.

### **Strap:**

Using French Knitter, make an I-cord to desired length.

Here are a few guidelines as you make your strap:

- ♦ For handles: use the medium french knitter and make 2 straps 20" long
- ♦ For shoulder strap: use the small french knitter and make 1 strap 40" long
- ♦ For braided strap: use the small french knitter and make 3 50" long lengths

Alternatively, make a 4 st I-cord as follows:

- ♦ cast on 4 sts and knit them
  - ♦ move sts back to needle tip (keep knit side facing)
  - ♦ pull working yarn behind the 4 sts and knit 4
- repeat steps 2 & 3 until cord is desired length

### **Finishing:**

Use remaining *Glisten* to stitch down top with darning needle. Remove waste yarn and adjust sts so  $\frac{1}{2}$  are on one needle and the remaining  $\frac{1}{2}$  are on the other needle (note: it is common to be one st short when removing the waste yarn; if this happens, K2TOG somewhere as you do the 3-needle bindoff. Bind off using the 3-needle bind off technique (knit 1 from the front and back needle together twice, then bind off as normal). Weave in all ends. Attach straps as desired. Line purse and tack down bottom of lining.

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## Tips on bead work using Louisa Harding's Glisten Yarn

1. It is important to use the Miyuki Japanese triangular beads with *Glisten*. Most beads will not slide onto this particular yarn.
2. String no more than 200 beads at a time. If you string more, the yarn will be stressed at you slide the beads up, causing your yarn to shred.
3. Slide beads slowly, moving 8 - 10 beads at a time to avoid snagging and gathering of the yarn.
4. If yarn gathers, hold yarn in front of the gather and behind a line of beads and gently pull. Then just knit the gathers into the next row.
5. To string more beads you'll need to cut the yarn, string beads and rejoin yarn.

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