

Felted Satchel

8mm needles / 3 x 100gram discs Lopi Roving.

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Body of the bag

With 2 strands of yarn A cast on 60 stitches. You will be knitting this bag in stocking stitch.

- With yarn A work 8 rows.
- With yarn B work 3 rows.
- With yarn C work 13 rows.
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Continue knitting in this way changing from Yarn A to B to C and knitting the stripe sequence 8 rows, 3 rows, 13 rows and 5 rows.

Work until you have 7 complete repeats of the 4 stripe sequence.

- Cast off. Finish off all the ends.
- Stitch along the bottom and up the side using 2 strands of Lopi Roving, do not pull too tight as the roving will break.

Strap

Using 3 strands of any one of the 3 colours and 8mm needles, cast on 3 stitches and knit stocking stitch for approximately 2m long.

Flap closure

Using 4 strands of any one of the three colours cast on 20 stitches and knit in stocking stitch for 10 rows. Cast off.

Felting the bag

Put the bag, strap and flap closure into your washing machine add about a half measure of washing powder. Put in a couple of pairs of jeans as the bag will need something to help it tumble around against during the washing cycle. I used a 40° 1hr 15min wash in my machine which is called a 'Daily Wash'. Every washing machine is different so my measurements are just a guide.

Drying

Once the bag has felted, pull it into a longer shape (you can be **VERY** forceful with it at this point!!!). We managed to pull it out so that it measured 38cm H x 34 cm W.

To assemble bag

Once the bag is dry sew the flap closure onto the bag using self coloured thread. Make a hole (I pushed the point of a pair of scissors into the fabric instead of cutting it) large enough to push the button through. Sew the button onto the bag. Make a small hole in either side of the bag and push one end of the strap through each hole from the inside through to the outside. Tie a double knot in each end at the height that you want the bag to sit, just remember that the strap may stretch a bit so do not make it too long.

This yarn is VERY hairy once felted, it can be shaved with an ordinary razor!!!

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Measurements before felting 60cm/23½" x 48cm/19".

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