

Ladder Wrap

100grams Lopi Roving

15mm Knitting Needles

Cast on 40 stitches

- Knit 1 row.
- At the beginning of the next row cast on 5 stitches, then cast off the 5 stitches you have just cast on (to create bobble) then knit to end of row.
- Knit 1 row.

Pattern

- Wrap yarn around needle 3 times for each stitch across the entire row.
(instead of one loop you will have 3 loops for each individual stitch)
- Cast on 5, cast off 5, knit into 1st loop of each stitch and let other 2 loops drop.
- Cast on 5, cast off 5, knit to end of row.
- Knit 1 row.

Repeat these 4 pattern rows a total of 32 times.

You will have wool left over so you could make the wrap longer if desired.

- cast off.

To Felt

Fill a basin with hot water, as hot as your hands can stand and add a small squirt of MILD washing up liquid (Ecover) or MILD shampoo (baby shampoo). The water should feel a little slippery but not be too bubbly.

Pop the wrap into the basin, make sure it is completely submerged, and let it sit for about 1 minute.

There will be dye loss but do not worry.

Lay the wrap onto the bubble wrap, do not worry if it is not laying flat as the wrap is wider than the bubble wrap.

Roll up the bubble wrap with the wrap inside. Use a damp towel to wrap around the outside to stop the roll from slipping and roll the whole thing on the table for a count of 50, putting as much pressure down on it as you can.

Unroll and carefully pull the wrap back into shape. make sure all the bobbles down the edge have not felted together, just pull them apart if they have.

Pop the wrap back into the water (top it up with hot if it has cooled down too far) and repeat the process a further 4 times, pulling the wrap back into shape lengthwise each time.

To finish off the felting process, put the wrap back into the hot water to get it wet, squeeze out most of the excess water then ball up the wrap and throw it down onto a table or draining board 4 or 5 times as hard as you can. Repeat this 6 times, pulling the wrap back into shape each time.

Lay over a drying rack to dry.

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