

Watercolor Felted Bag

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MATERIALS

12 oz handspun wool fiber singles,
worsted weight or thicker:
4oz light colorway
4oz medium colorway
4oz dark colorway
1 US size #8/5mm circular needle 24"
or needles large enough to create
a slightly loose fabric

Stitch Marker

Tapestry Needle

INSTRUCTIONS

CO 35 st using dark colorway

Row 1: P

Row 2: K

Repeat rows 1 and 2, creating knit fabric rectangle
until piece measures 3 inches, approximately 13 rows.

End with a knit row.



Shown in Abstract Fiber BFL Felting Singles
Caribbean, Jamaica Speckles, & Chartreuse Speckles

Pick up 9 st along the short side, 35 st on the long side and 9 st on the other short side
(88 stitches total).

Place marker.

Begin to knit in the round and continue until darkest color runs out. Join in the medium color yarn and continue. When the medium yarn runs out, join in the light color yarn.

Knit with the lightest color for 2", stopping at the end of a round.

Create handle openings (use backward loop cast on for CO):

Row 1: K 7, BO 21, K 23, BO 21, K 7 (46 stitches)

Row 2: K 7, CO 21, K 23, CO 21, K 7 (88 stitches)

Continue knitting in the round until the piece measures at least 2.5" to 3" from handles.

BO all stitches

Work in ends.

Felt the bag by placing finished piece in a sink of hot soapy water and agitating by hand, or place in the washing machine. I started mine in the sink and then threw it in a load of laundry. Bag shrinkage will vary greatly depending on the type of wool used and length and vigor of agitating. When bag is the desired size, lay it flat to dry, shaping as needed.

Abbreviations

K – Knit P – Purl st – Stitch CO – Cast On BO – Bind Off

Techniques

Backwards Loop Cast On: Simply make a backward loop and place it on the needle.

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