

Felted Crochet Bag

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Patons Classic Wool Merino (3 1/2 oz skeins)
 2 skeins Main Color (MC)
 1 skein Contrasting Color (CC)
 P hook

Special Stitches

Hdc Decrease: [yarn over, insert hook in next st, yarn over, pull up loop] twice, yarn over, pull through all 5 lps on hook

Bag is worked holding 2 strands together throughout

Bag Body

Holding two strands of CC together, chain 30

Rnd 1: Hdc in 3rd chain from hook (skipped 2 chains counts as first hdc stitch) and in each chain across to last chain. Work 3 hdc's in last chain. Working across opposite side of chain, hdc in each chain across to last chain. Work 1 hdc in last chain, join with a slip stitch to top of beginning chain 2. ~ 58 hdc's made

Rnd 2: Ch 2, hdc in same stitch as joining, 2 hdc's in next stitch, hdc in each of the next 26 stitches, work 2 hdc's in each of the next 3 stitches, hdc in each of the next 26 stitches, work 2 hdc's in last stitch. Join to top of beginning chain 2. ~ 64 hdc's made

Rnds 3-4: Ch 2, work hdc in each stitch around. Join. ~ 64 hdc's made

Fasten Off CC. Join two strands of MC with a slip stitch in same stitch as joining.

Rnds 5-12: Ch 2, work hdc in each stitch around. Join.

Rnd 13: Ch 2, hdc in each of the next 8 stitches, work hdc decrease, hdc in each of the next 29 stitches, work hdc decrease, hdc in each of the next 22 stitches. Join ~ 62 hdc's made

Rnds 14-16: Ch 2, work hdc in each stitch around. Join.

Rnd 17: Ch 2, hdc in each of the next 9 stitches, work hdc decrease, hdc in each of the next 30 stitches, work hdc decrease, hdc in each of the next 18 stitches. Join ~ 60 hdc's made

Rnds 18-19: Ch 2, work hdc in each stitch around. Join.

Rnd 20: Ch 2, hdc in each of the next 11 stitches, work hdc decrease, hdc in each of the next 29 stitches, work hdc decrease, hdc in each of the next 15 stitches. Join ~ 58 hdc's made

Rnds 21-22: Ch 2, work hdc in each stitch around. Join. After Rnd 22 turn work so you are working on the wrong side of the bag now.

Add 1 strand of fun fur (or eyelash) to the 2 strands of wool yarn (change to CC if the fun fur matches CC)

Rnd 23: Ch 1, sc in each stitch around. Join to first sc



Rnd 24: Ch 1, sc in same stitch as joining, sc in next 7 stitches, work sc decrease, sc in each of the next 6 stitches, work sc decrease, (sc in next 8 stitches, work sc decrease, sc in next 6 stitches, work sc decrease) twice, sc in each of the last 4 stitches. Join to first sc ~ 52 sc's made

Rnd 25: Ch 1, sc in each stitch around. Join to first sc

Fasten Off Yarn. Weave in Ends.

Handles (make 2)

With MC, holding two strands together, chain 71, sc in 2nd chain from hook and in each chain across. Fasten Off Yarn. Weave in Ends (handles are sewn on after felting)

Optional D-Ring Attachment

With CC, double stranded, whip stitch around top of bag (through each sc stitch), whip stitching d-rings evenly spaced to top of bag. Tie end of yarn with beginning of yarn to secure. Fasten Off and Weave in Ends

No D-Ring Attachment

Whip stitch as above except ignore whip stitching the d-rings

Felting & Finishing

Take a pillowcase (zippered, or use a rubberband to tie the top for non zippered) or mesh bag to put your wool bag and straps into. The reason for this is so all the fuzz that comes off the yarn does not end up in your washing machine and ruin it over time.

Take a pair of adult size jeans and your pillowcase/mesh bag and put them in the washing machine. Put the water level to mini (or small), fill it with hot/cold cycle on normal cycle (heavy cycle if you have it), and put in a tablespoon of baking soda in the wash (unlike soap, you dont have to rinse the baking soda out). Let the wash fill with water.

Once it begins the agitation (wash) cycle, set your timer for 10 minutes (I use the timer on my oven). When the timer goes off, turn off your machine (for mine I just push the knob in to stop the wash) and check your bag. Stretch the bag up and out, and stretch the handles. Place them back into the bag and retie (or zip). Turn your machine knob back to the beginning of the cycle (we want to keep it on the wash cycle and not go into the spin and rinse cycle), and agitate for another 10 minutes. Check your bag - if it's not felted enough to your liking, repeat for another 10 minutes (it took my bag a total of 30 minutes).

When the felting is to your liking, squeeze most of the water out of your felted bag and handles. Place a clean towel on the floor, put your bag and handles flat on the towel, place another clean towel on top - and step on it to get more water out. Then take your bag and stuff it with plastic bags, or a box, or anything that will shape your bag well. Hang your handles over something to dry overnight.

Keep shaping your bag over the next day - it will take 2-3 days for your bag to dry completely and I just keep playing with my bag during those days shaping it making sure it's how I like it 🤪

When bag and handles are done drying - sew the handles to your bag. Line the bag if you'd like also (not necessary though).