

felted bucket bag by mags kandis



What to know

approximate finished size after felting

height 12"/30.5cm
circumference 20"/51cm

gauge before felting

13 sts and 18 rounds to 4"/10cm in Stst.

abbreviations

Stst- Stocking Stitch: K on RS / P on WS
K- Knit
K2tog- Knit 2 sts together
P- Purl
Rnd(s)- Round(s)
beg- beginning
RS- Right side
WS- Wrong side

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What to gather

yarns

main colour (MC): 200-220 yds of chunky weight yarn*
contrast colour 1 (CC1): 100-110 yds of chunky weight yarn*
contrast colour 2 (CC2): 2-3 yds of fingering, dk or
worsted weight yarn or embroidery floss-- you are as
limited as your stash and imagination!

needles

20"/50mm 10 1/2 us/6.5mm circular needle
set of 10 1/2 us/6.5mm double pointed needles (dpns)
embroidery needle

What to do

bag is worked from the top down

bag

Using circular needle and MC cast on 80 sts.

Join making certain not to twist sts. Mark beg of row
with contrast yarn.

K straight for 60 mds-- approx. 13"/33cm.

Change to CC1.

K straight for 30 mds.

90 mds in total have been completed. Bag should
measure approx. 20"/51cm.

bottom shaping

change to dpns when circular is too big

Rnd 1- (K8, K2tog) 8 times.

Rnd 2 and all following even numbered rnds- K.

Rnd 3- (K7, K2tog) 8 times

Rnd 5- (K6, K2tog) "

Rnd 7- (K5, K2tog) "

Continue shaping in this manner working 1 less st be-
fore the K2tog on every other rnd until 16 sts remain.

Next Rnd- K2tog 8 times. 8 sts remain.

Break yarn. Pass through remaining sts and secure.

finishing

Work in all ends.

strap

Using circular needle and MC cast on 5 sts.

work back and forth as if on straight needles

Work straight in Stst for 40 rows-- approx.

9"/23cm. Change to CC1. Work straight in Stst
for 40 rows. Change to MC. Work straight in Stst
for 40 rows. Cast off. Strap should measure ap-
prox. 27"/69cm.

Attach ends of strap firmly to top of bag equal distance
apart.

felting

Turn bag inside out.

Toss into washer (hot wash and cold rinse).

Set washer to small load and regular cycle.

Throw in an old towel or a pair of jeans for increased
agitation.

Add a small amount (1/4 cup or so) of laundry deter-
gent. Check after 5 minutes or so. Keep checking until
the Bag is nice and thick and the knit stitches are no
longer visible.

You may need to run them through more than cycle.

Once the bag is nice and thick remove from washer
and pull into shape. Don't be afraid of being rough. Tug,
tug, tug until the bag is just the shape you want and the
strap is at a correct length.

For added shaping it is suggested that you place a
small saucer or bowl (or anything that is round and the
appropriate size) into the bottom of the bag to help
flatten it.

Let completely dry.... this could take days!

stitching

Personalize your bag anyway you like or, using the
photos as a guide and with CC2 threaded onto
embroidery needle, work Running Stitch in pattern as
shown.



* the yarns used in the sample have been long since
discontinued. 100 grams consisted of 100m/ 110 yds
and the gauge in Stst was 15 sts and 20 rows. 2 balls of
MC and 1 ball of CC1 were used..

Good substitutes would be Patons Classic Wool, Brown
Sheep Nature Spun Worsted or Cascade 220-- all of
which need to be **used double**.