



P4P Fiesta Purse

Materials: Body and handle yarn: 275 yards of worsted weight wool. I usually use Paton's Classic Wool or Galway or Cascade. Wool yarn is used doubled throughout.
Novelty yarn: 35 yards if used single strand with the doubled wool or 70 yards if doubled also used with the doubled wool.
Needles: Size #13 16 inch circular needle and 2 size #11 double pointed needles.

Instructions: Using the circular needle and 2 strands of the wool yarn held together, loosely cast on 40 stitches. Join in the round. Knit one round.
Add novelty yarn by holding it along with 2 strands of wool yarn.
Change to Reverse Stockinette stitch (purl every round) until piece measures 4 inches or novelty yarn is used up, whichever comes first.
Continuing with double strand of wool and novelty yarn change to Knit stitch and K3, Inc1, K7, Inc1, K7, Inc1, K6, Inc1, K7, Inc1, K7, Inc1, K3. (46 stitches) Cut novelty yarn.
Using 2 strands of wool Knit around until piece measures 12 inches.
Place 23 stitches each on 2 double pointed needles. Thread a tapestry needle with a double strand of yarn approximately 30 inches long. Holding the double pointed needles parallel *Graft stitch with knit side facing out to finish off the bottom of the purse. When finished, adjust tension so that the bottom corners are tightened to form curves. Weave in all ends to the inside.

Shoulder Strap: Using 2 double pointed size #11 needles, cast on 4 stitches with double strand of the wool. *K4, slide the stitches to the other end of the needle. Take the yarn across the back of the work and K4. Repeat from * until the I-cord measures 60 inches.
Cast off all stitches and leaving a 10" tail, cut the yarn.

Loop Closure: Using 2 double pointed size #11 needles, cast on 3 stitches with double strand wool. *K3, slide stitches to the other end of the needle. Take yarn across the back of the work and repeat from* until the cord measure 8". Cast off and leave a 10"tail before cutting the yarn.

Finishing: Center the ends of the shoulder strap side by side extending them down on the inside of the top edge of the purse about 1 inch. Using the yarn tail, sew them securely to the top edge of the purse. Sew the loop closure ends side by side exactly opposite the shoulder strap using the tail yarn.

Please give the purse to me for felting. If you are unsure about finishing the purse give all the pieces to me and I will finish it before felting. Thank you!!! Thank you!!!

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***Grafting:**

Holding double pointed needles parallel with purl sides of the fabric together, thread a blunt tapestry needle with yarn and

1. Insert it as if to knit through the first stitch on the front needle and let the stitch drop from the needle
2. Insert the needle into the second stitch on the front needle as if to purl and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle
3. Insert the tapestry needle into the first stitch on the back needle as if to purl and let it drop from the needle, then
4. Insert it as if to knit through the second stitch on the back needle and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle
5. Repeat 1-4 until all the stitches from both needles are gone. When finished adjust tension as necessary. Weave in ends.