

SUPPLIES NEEDED

Yarn: For DK Weight Yarn – 400 yards (right) or
For Worsted Weight Yarn – 410 yards

Needles: DK Weight Yarn: Needles: 16"-24" US 13
needles or Worsted Weight Yarn: 24" US 17 needles

Gauge to Achieve Similar Size: DK: 2 ½
stitches/inch, 3½ rows/inch Worsted: 2 ¼
stitches/inch, 3 rows/inch (Final size will vary
depending felting process and hot water temperature.)

Approximate Final Size: For DK: height - 7 inches,
width - 8 inches. For worsted weight: height – 8 to 9
inches, width - 11 inches. Knitting and felting a
swatch for your selected yarn is recommended.

Abbreviations:

pssso pass slipped stitch over
 k2T knit 2 stitches together

Bag Body: (From top down.) Using size circular needles per type of yarn and 2 strands, cast on 60 stitches. Join in the round, place marker. Rnd 1: Knit 30 stitches, place mid-point marker. Rnd 2: Purl. Rnds 3-10: Knit. Rnd 11: *knit 5, increase in the 6th stitch by knitting into front and back of stitch*, repeat across, ending with 70 stitches. Knit 12 Rnds.

Rnd 24: (Start decreasing for shaping):k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before mid-point marker, k2t, k1, move marker, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before marker, k2t, k1 – ending with 66 stitches.

Rnds 25-26: Knit.

Rnd 27: k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before mid-point marker, k2t, k1, move marker, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before marker, k2t, k1 – ending with 62 stitches.

Rnds 28-30: Knit.

Rnd 31: k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before mid-point marker, k2t, k1, move marker, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before marker, k2t, k1 – ending with 58 stitches.



Rnds 32-33: Knit.

Rnd 34: k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before mid-point marker, k2t, k1, move marker, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before marker, k2t, k1 – ending with 54 stitches.

Rnds 35-36: Knit.

Rnd 37: k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before mid-point marker, k2t, k1, move marker, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before marker, k2t, k1 – ending with 50 stitches.

Rnd 38: k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before mid-point marker, k2t, k1, move marker, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before marker, k2t, k1 – ending with 46 stitches.

Rnd 39: Knit.

Rnd 40: k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before mid-point marker, k2t, k1, move marker, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before marker, k2t, k1 – ending with 42 stitches.

Rnd 41: k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before mid-point marker, k2t, k1, move marker, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before marker, k2t, k1 – ending with 38 stitches.

Rnd 42: k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before mid-point marker, k2t, k1, move marker, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before marker, k2t, k1 – ending with 34 stitches.

(Change to double pointed needles when stitches no longer easily move around the circular needle.)

Rnd 43: k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before mid-point marker, k2t, k1, move marker, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit across until three stitches before marker, k2t, k1 – ending with 30 stitches.

Rnd 44: k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k1, k2t knit across until six stitches before mid-point marker, k2t, k1, k2t, k1, move marker, k1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k1, k2t, knit across until six stitches before marker, k2t, k, k2t, k1 – ending with 22 stitches.

Rnd 45: k1, k2t, k2t, k1, k2t, k2t, k1, slip marker, k1, k2t, k2t, k1, k2t, k2t, k1 – ending with 14 stitches.

Rnd 46: K1, k2t, k, k2t, k, remove marker, k1 k2t, k1, k2t, k1 – ending with 10 stitches.

Rnd 47: K2t, k1, k2t, k2t, k1, k2t, ending with 6 stitches.

Rnd 48: K3t, k3t – ending with 2 stitches.

Rnd 49: K2t and break yarn, pulling it through final stitch. Weave in ends.

Bag Flap: Mark center top of bag. Starting on right of marker, pick up 24 stitches on right side facing (12 on each side of center marker). Use two strands of yarn.

Row 1 - 2: Knit across.

Row 3: Purl across

Row 4: K1, slip 1, knit 1, pssso, knit to last 3 stitches, k2t, k 1 (22 stitches)

Row 5: Purl across

Row 6: K1, slip 1, knit 1, pssso, knit to last 3 stitches, k2t, k 1 (20 stitches)

Row 7: Purl across

Row 8: K1, slip 1, knit 1, pssso, knit to last 3 stitches, k2t, k 1 (18 stitches)

Row 9: Purl across

Row 10: K1, slip 1, knit 1, pssso, k1, k2t, knit to last 6 stitches, k2t, k 1, k2t, k1 (14 stitches)

Row 11: Purl across

Row 12: K1, slip 1, knit 1, pssso, knit to last 3 stitches, k2t, k 1 (12 stitches)

Row 13: Purl across

Row 14: K1, slip 1, knit 1, pssso, k1, k2t, k2t, k 1, k2t, k1 (8 stitches)

Row 15: Purl across

Row 16: K1, slip 1, knit 1, pssso, k 1, k2t, k 1 (6 stitches)

Row 17: Purl across

Row 18: K1, slip 1, knit 1, pssso, k2t, k 1 (4 stitches)

Row 19: K2t, k2t (2 stitches)

Row 20: K2t, break yarn, pull through stitch and weave in ends. Remove all place markers.

Barley Twist Strap: Using the same size circular needle as for the bag, cast on 100 stitches with 2- strands of yarn. If using worsted weight yarn, knit 3 rows. If using DK weight yarn, knit 4 rows. On next row, increase by knitting into front, back and front of every stitch. At end of this row, you will have 300 stitches on the needle. This increase row creates the barley twist in the strap. Bind off.

Felting: Place bag in a zippered pillowcase, toss a Shout Colorcatcher into the pillowcase. Place strap in a separate zippered pillowcase. Place both pillowcases in washing machine with heavy items. Add ¼ c. vinegar to each wash cycle, along with some soap. Wash on hot wash cold rinse cycle. Check after each wash to determine size and change Colorcatcher sheet. May take 3-4 trips through wash to achieve desired felting. The strap may only need two trips through wash

Finishing: When the bag comes out of the washer the final time, do whatever stretching and pulling needed to achieved the desired shape. The bag flap may need to be pulled and stretched into desired shape. Dry bag flat, with flap pinned into place with a straight pin. (When drying a bag flat, we use long quilting pins and pin it to a piece of Styrofoam to help maintain the desired shape as it dries.) Wrap strap around a dowel or stick while wet to help set twist as it dries.

Sizes will vary depending upon yarn, number of cycles through washing machine and water temperature. Our bag models are washed in hot water which is 130 degrees.

Attaching Strap: Pin strap-ends on the outside of each side of bag – about 1 – 1 ¼ inches from top of bag. There will probably be a nature twist in the strap that helps you position strap. Using a matching thread (we use embroidery thread), sew strap to bag.

Buttons: A button can be added to the outside of the flap and a magnetic snap can be used on the inside flap, if desired. Sew magnetic snap parts to a piece of ribbon and then sew the ribbon to the bag flap and bag body. We often use buttons from www.glasspens.com and www.sealeatherbuttons.com.

***Yarn Used:** Red Model (right): Lamb's Pride Worsted Weight
Blue/Red Model (page 1): Hand dyed DK yarn from Lisa Souza Dyeworks.



** Shout ColorCatchers are only available in the US. Overseas clients may contact us for information on sources of this product.