

SUPPLIES NEEDED

Yarn: 450 yards of worsted weight yarn

Needles: 24" US 17 needles and US 15 double pointed needles.

Other Supplies: Sewing needle and thread, optional: magnetic closure, plastic or wooden handles, several yards of black or dark brown worsted weight yarn, roving for needle felting, needle felting kit.

Gauge to Achieve Similar Size: 2 ³/₄ stitches/inch, 3 ¹/₂ rows/inch (Final size will vary depending felting process and hot water temperature.)

Approximate Final Size: Height – 9 ¹/₂ inches width – 13 inches. Knitting and felting a swatch for your selected yarn is recommended. The swatch can be used to practice your needle felting.



Bag Body: Cast on 82 stitches on size 17 needles with 2 strands of yarn. For both, join in the round (rnd), take care not to twist, place marker. Knit in the round for 17 inches or longer if you desire and have extra yarn. Next rnd, purl around. Next rnd, knit around and then bind-off using three-needle bind-off.

Felting: Place bag into zippered pillowcase, toss in a Shout Colorcatcher. Place pillowcase in the washing machine with heavy items. Add ¹/₄ c. vinegar to each wash cycle, along with some soap. Wash on the hot wash cold rinse cycle. Check after each wash to determine size and change Colorcatcher sheet. May take 3-4 trips through the wash to achieve desired felting. 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. Shout ColorCatcher are only available in the US. Overseas clients should contact us for information on sources of this product.

Finishing: Shape into desired rectangle and dry flat.

Needle Felting Leaves: Carefully read the instructions that came with your needle felting kit. These needles are VERY sharp and must be used with the utmost care. Make a copy of the template on page 3 and cut the leaves from the copy. Arrange them as you want on your felted bag. We used the largest leaf in the center, two medium leaves on the right, a medium in the upper left corner and a small leaf on the left between the medium and large leaf. Using the leaves as a guide, needle felt an outline using the black yarn. Then within the outline, needle felt roving that has been dyed in a rainbow of fall colors. We used reds, yellows and greens – all rovings left over from spinning projects. On top of the needle felted roving, needle felt Angora curls that are dyed in fall colors.



Handles: Center plastic handles inside the bag and sew to bag, taking care that the sewing stitches don't show on the outside of the bag.

Supplies Used: Worsted weight yarn. Roving from RainShadow Farm, Kingston, WA. Angora curls from Blue Cloud Angoras, Helena, MT. Needle Felting Starter Kit from Fiber Trends. Handles from Clover – U-shape black – part no. 6324. You may want to purchase the handles after you felt the bag, so that you can determine the correct size for the handles.

Bag Name: Lechlade (pronunciation Letchlade), is a small English village, located on the Thames about 20 miles west of Oxford. About 500 years ago, it played a part in the Cotswold's wool trade.

