

SUPPLIES NEEDED

Yarn: Lisa Souza Merino Sport Weight Yarn – 400 yards (right) or Worsted Weight Yarn – 410 yards

Needles: DK Weight Yarn: Needles: 16" US 13 needles and US 13 double pointed needles or Worsted Weight Yarn: 24" US 15 needles and US 15 double pointed needles.

Gauge to Achieve Similar Size: DK: 3 st/in, 4 rows/in
Worsted: 2 ¼ stitches/inch, 3 rows/inch (Final size will vary depending on felting process and hot water temperature.)

Approximate Final Size: For DK: height – 7 ½ in, width - 7 in. 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
K2Tb	Knit 2 together through the back loops
K3T	knit 3 stitches together
S	slip one stitch purlwise

Bag Body: (From top down.) Using size circular needles per type of yarn and 2 strands, cast on 70 stitches. Join in the round, taking care not to twist the stitches, place marker and knit to end of round.
Rnd 1: Knit 35 stitches, place mid-point marker, k35. Rnd 2: Purl. Rnd 3-23: Knit.

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, k1, k2t, k1, 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: Between the two bag sides, mark the center stitch top of bag. Starting on right of marker, pick up 25 stitches on right side facing (12 on each side of center marker plus center marked stitch). Use two strands of yarn and size US 13 needles.

Row 1 - 2: Knit across.

Row 3: Purl across

Row 4: Knit across

Row 5: Purl across

Row 6: S1, knit across (slipping the first stitch makes it easier to pick up the flap edge stitches)

Row 7: S1, purl across

Row 8: S1, knit across

Row 9: S1, purl across

Row 10: S1, K1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit to last 4 stitches, k2t, k2 (23 stitches)

Row 11: S1, Purl across

Row 12: S1, K1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit to last 4 stitches, k2t, k2 (21 stitches)

Row 13: S1, Purl across

Row 14: S1, K1, slip 1, k1, pssso, knit to last 4 stitches, k2t, k2 (19 stitches)

Row 15: S1, Purl across

Row 16: S1, K1, k2TB, k2TB, knit to last 6 stitches, k2t, k2t, k2 (15 stitches)

Row 17: S1, Purl across

Row 18: S1, k1, k2TB, k2TB, k3, k2t, k2t, k2 (11 stitches)
Row 19: S1, Purl across
Row 20: S1, k2TB, k2TB, k1, k2t, k2t, k1 (7 stitches)
Row 21: S1, Purl across
Row 22: S1, k2TB, k1, k2t, k1 (5 stitches)
Row 23: k2TB, k1, k2t (no purl row) (3 stitches)
Row 20: K3t, break yarn, pull through stitch and weave in ends.

Bag Flap Edge: Right side facing, with two strands of yarn and size 13 needles, pick up 22 stitches along the edge of the bag flap, starting with the first slipped edge stitch on the flap. On the next row increase in every stitch by knitting into the front and back of each stitch ending with 44 stitches. Knit the next row and continue in Stockinette for 6 rows. Bind off loosely.

I-Cord Strap: Use size 13 double pointed needles, cast on 4 stitches with 2-strands of yarn. Knit. DO NOT turn work, slide stitches to the other end of the needle and knit the stitches, carrying the yarn across the back to create a tube. Continue until 40 inches long and bind off. (You will felt the strap separately from the bag.) The Lisa Souza Merino Sport models used three strands of Merino Sport for the strap.

Felting: Place bag and strap in a zippered pillowcase, toss a Shout Colorcatcher into the pillowcase. Place 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. **Please Note: The Lisa Souza Merino Sport yarn used in our models felts rapidly and may only need ONE cycle in your machine.**

Finishing: When the bag comes out of the washer the final time, do whatever stretching and pulling needed to achieve 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.) Straighten the strap and make sure that it dries straight. 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 inside of each side of bag – about ¾ inch from top of bag. Using a matching thread (we use embroidery thread), sew strap to bag. Take care not to twist the strap when sewing it in the 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: Hand Dyed Merino Sport yarn from Lisa Souza Dyeworks.

Bag Name: This bag was named for Teufen, a small village in the Appenzell region of Switzerland.