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# Felted Bag

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#### **YARN**

# Creative Focus<sup>TM</sup> Worsted

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# **NEEDLES**

1 pair 4½mm (no 7) (US 7) needles

#### **EXTRAS**

1 x 38mm button

# **TENSION**

Before felting 20 sts and 24 rows to 10cm measured over st st using 4½mm (no 7) (US 7) needles

### **FINISHED SIZE**

Completed bag after felting measures approx 27 cm ( $10\frac{1}{2}$  in) x 17 cm ( $6\frac{1}{2}$  in).

# MAIN SECTION (worked in 1 piece)

Using 4½mm (US 7) needles, cast on 44 sts.

Beg with a K row, work in st st inc 1 st at each end of 5th and 9 foll 4th rows. 64 sts.

Work 9 rows straight, ending with RS facing for next row. Place a marker at each end of last row to denote first edge of base.

Cont straight until work meas 6 cm from markers, ending with a RS row.

Place a second set of markers at each end of last row to denote second edge of base.

Beg with a K row, work 9 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and 9 foll 4th rows. 44 sts.

Work 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Place a third set of markers at each end of last row to denote top edge of bag.

Work 10 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Place a fourth set of markers at each end of last row to denote flap.

#### Flap

Work 18 rows straight, ending with RS facing for next row. Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then 3 sts at beg of next 10 rows.

Cast off rem 10 sts.

# GUSSETS (make 2)

Using 4½mm (US 7) needles, cast on 12 sts.

Beg with a K row, work in st st, dec 1 st at each end of 11th and foll 20th row. 8 sts.

Cont straight until gusset meas 21cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off.

# STRAP

Using 4½mm (US 7) needles, cast on 8 sts.

Work in g st until strap meas 45 cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off.

#### **BUTTON COVER**

Using 4½mm (US 7) needles, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Knit into front and back of every st. 12 sts.

Row 2: Knit into front and back of every st. 24 sts.

Work 2 rows in g st.

Row 5: Knit into front and back of every st. 48 sts.

Work 1 row in g st.

Row 7: (K2tog) 24 times. 24 sts.

Cast off.

Join row end edges of button cover and place over button. Gather up cast-off edge and fasten securely.

# MAKING UP

Do not press.

Sew cast-on and cast-off edges of strap to cast off edges of gussets.

Machine wash at 60 degrees.

# Cord edging

Using 4½mm (US 7) double pointed needles, cast on 3 sts.

Row 1(RS): K3, \* without turning slip these 3 sts to opposite end of needle and bring yarn to opposite end of work pulling it quite tightly across WS of work, K these 3 sts again, rep from \* until cord is long enough to fit around edge of flap between th set of markers. Cast off.

Sew cord to edge of flap. Sew on button.