

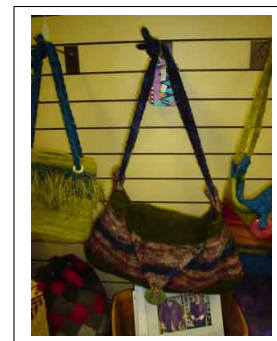


# The Flap Dash Bag

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Sketched-On-A-Napkin Designs

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This is the “Flap Dash” bag because it has a flap, and I knit it in a dash! Once the idea struck me, it took only two days to knit it and felt it.

## Gauge

Because the bag will be felted, an exact gauge is not essential. Why sweat the small stuff? If you are a very tight knitter, use size 11 needles (or a size that yields a knitted fabric that is not stiff and has plenty of drape).

## Materials

**Yarn:** 5 skeins of Manos del Uruguay yarn total, 2 skeins in the main color (blue in the model) and one each in three contrasting colors (red, gold, and green in the model)

**Needles:** 24” circular and set of dpns in Size US #10.5 or size needed for gauge

**Notions:** stitch marker  
two small stitch holders  
stone disk or other weighty bauble for the flap

## Abbreviations

**CO** = Cast On; **ST** = Stitch(es); **K** = Knit; **P** = Purl;  
**K2tog** = Knit 2 Together; **DPN** = Double Pointed Needles.

## Instructions

### Bottom

Using main color (blue), CO 55 sts.

Knit back and forth in garter stitch (knit every row) for

34 rows (you will have 17 garter ridges on the right side of the work).

You now have a rectangle. The four sides of the bag are formed by the 55 “live” sts on the needle, 17 garter ridges along one side, 55 CO sts, and 17 garter ridges along the other side.

### Pick-Up for Sides

With the right side of the work facing you and the 55 live sts already on the needle, pick-up and knit 16 sts along the next side (one stitch between each garter ridge). Pick up and knit 55 sts along the cast-on edge (one in each CO st) and then 16 sts along the fourth side. You will have 142 sts and will now be knitting in the round.

Knit 55 sts (these are the live sts you did not have to pick up) and then another 8 sts and place a marker to create an artificial “end” of a round. By shifting the beginning of the round over by 8 sts, the color jogs from changing colors will occur in a less noticeable place on the side of the bag.

### Sides

Knit 15 rounds with the main color.

Without breaking off the main color, knit 2 rounds for the second color (gold), then 2 more rounds of the main color. Break off the main color yarn.

Knit 15 rounds of the second color.

Without break off the second color, knit 2 rounds of the third color (red), then 2 more rounds of the second color. Break off the second color.

Knit 15 rounds with the third color.

Without breaking off the third color, knit 2 rounds of the fourth color (green), then 2 more rounds of the third

color. Break off third color.

Knit 15 rounds of the fourth color.

### Flap Shaping

Still using the fourth color, knit 8 sts. Then, bind off the 55 stitches that will form the front edge of the top of the bag (be sure that you are binding off **after** knitting the 8 sts and **do not** use the last side st in the first bind-off).

The next 16 sts will be used to create one of the loops for the handle to go through: K2tog, K12, K2tog; place these 14 sts on a holder.

Knit across the 55 sts that will form the back edge of the top of the bag (and then be used to create the flap).

The next 16 sts will be used to create the other loop: K2tog, K6, remove marker, K6, K2tog; place these 14 sts on another holder.

You will have 55 live sts on the needle. Break off the fourth color yarn and change to the main color, with the right side of the work facing you. Repeat the following two rows until 7 sts remain:

- Row 1: K3, K2tog, K until 5 sts remain, K2tog, K3.  
Row 2: K3, P until 3 sts remain, K3.

With 7 sts remaining, reduce to 3 sts as follows:

- Row 1: K1, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K1 — [5 sts remain].  
Row 2: K5.  
Row 3: K2tog, K1, K2tog — [3 sts remain].

Knit a tab for the stone disk (or other closure) by knitting all 3 sts on every row until the tab extends 4" to 5". Keep in mind that it is not a problem for the tab to be too long because you can always cut it shorter after the bag has been felted. Bind off all 3 sts.

### Handle Loops

Transfer the 14 sts from one holder to your needle. Using the fourth color (or your choice of colors), knit these 14 sts in garter stitch (knit every row) until this tab is 5" long. Bind off. Fold the tab inward and, using the tail of yarn, sew the bound off edge to the inside, upper edge of the bag.

Repeat for the other loop.

### Handles

Using dpns and the main color (or your choice of colors), cast on 5 sts and knit 6 feet of I-cord.

*Note: Manos wool is a thick and thin yarn, which sometimes results in the I-cord having a very thin section that will not wear well. There are two solutions. First, you can cut out terribly thin sections of the yarn, spit-splice the thicker ends together, and continue knitting. Second, you can "fatten up" thin sections of your I-cord by duplicate-stitching over the skinny stitches with fatter sections of yarn after the fact. No need to worry about the ends – simply run them down the center of the cord, and the felting process will do the rest.*

### **Finishing**

Weave in the ends. Felt the bag and I-cord strap. Run the I-cord through the loops and knot it to a comfortable length. Pull the tab through the center of the stone disk and sew the tab to the inside of the flap (cutting off any excess length from the tab).