

Large Mitered Square Felted Bag



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Materials

Yarn: 4 hanks Noro Kureyon (100% wool, 50g, 110 yards each), or any worsted weight wool yarn suitable for felting.
Needles: Size US #10.5, 24" circular needle
Notions: Stitch Markers

Abbreviations

CO = Cast On; **BO** = Bind Off; **ST** = Stitch(es); **K** = Knit; **P** = Purl; **K2tog** = Knit 2 Together; **SSK** = Slip-Slip-Knit (slip 2 sts knitwise, return to left needle, and knit them together through the back); **PM** = Place Marker; **SM** = Slip Marker from left needle to right needle;

Instructions

Mitered Square (Make 2)

CO 110 sts. Do not join. Set up pattern by working the following two rows once: Row 1:
K

Row 2: K55, PM, K to end

Work the following 2 rows until 2 st remain: Row 1:
K to 2 sts before marker, K2tog, SM,
SSK, K to end

Row 2: K

K the last 2 sts together, then secure the yarn by running the yarn end through the last loop and pulling it tight.

Sides & Bottom (make 3 strips) CO21 sts. Working back and forth in garter st, work 54 ridges. Bind off.

Finishing

Lining up garter ridges, sew bottom and side panels to the squares to form a bag.

Pick up approx. 145 sts around the top of the bag, join and pm.

Row 1: P

Row 2: K

Row 3: P

Row 4: K

Row 5: P

Bind off.

Handles:

You may choose to purchase premade handles for this bag. If you wish to knit handles from your Noro yarn, follow these instructions.

Handles can be knit separately by casting on 6 sts and knitting back and forth in garter until the handles are the desired length (make 2). Seam handles to the bag.

Felting

Place the bag in a lingerie bag or a zippered pillowcase. Place it in the washing machine, set to the hottest temperature and longest agitation cycle. It is usually a good idea to put in old towels or old jeans to give the bag something to agitate against. Check the bag every few minutes until the desired level of felt is achieved. Noro can take a little bit of time to felt so be patient! You may have to reset the washer several times to complete the process. Squeeze the water out of the bag (or put it through the spin cycle) and hang by the handles to dry.

Enjoy!