



# Mitered Squares Felted Bag

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## Materials

US size 10.5 circular needle, 24 inches long  
Stitch markers

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

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

To make your bag you first start by making 8 garter stitch squares, then four squares are sewn together to make the front and four for the back panel. Next, stitches are picked up along the sides and bottom of one of the panels to make the sides and bottom of the bag, which is worked back and forth in garter stitch. A nice finishing touch is picking up stitches around the top of the bag and working several rows in garter stitch. The strap is worked back and forth in simple garter stitch (I-cord may be substituted if desired).

### Square Pattern (Make 8)

CO 60 sts. Do not join. Set up pattern as follows:

Row 1: K  
Row 2: K30, PM, K to end

Work the following 2 rows until 2 st remain:

Row 1: K to 2 st 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.

### Sew Front & Back

Arrange four of the squares into a large square so the colors and decreases line up according to your aesthetic desire. Sew the horizontal and vertical seams using a simple overcast stitch to make the front panel. Repeat with the last four squares to create the back panel.

### Knit Sides & Bottom

Pick up approximately 30 sts on each side (left, bottom, and right) of the front panel. Knitting back and forth in garter stitch, knit 10 rows. You can knit as few as 2 rows for a narrower side and bottom; or knit more than ten rows if you want a wider bottom and sides of the bag. BO all stitches and seam the sides and bottom to the back panel.

### Bag Top

Pick up approximately 70 sts around the top of the seamed bag and join in the round. Knit one row, purl one row, and bind off. This creates a nice finish to the top of the bag.

### Handles

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 at desired attachment point (usually one end in the middle of the left square and the other in the middle of the right square).

### **Felting**

Place the bag in a lingerie bag or a zippered pillowcase. Place it in the washing machine, set to the hottest tem-

perature 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!