

Easy Fair-Isle Felted Bag



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Materials

Yarn: Approximately 170 yards each of 2 colors chunky weight yarn (referred to as col A and col B in pattern).

Shown: 2 balls each Malabrigo Chunky in Water Green and Jewel Blue.

Needles: One 24-inch circular needle US size 11 (8 mm) or 13 (9 mm).

Gauge: 3.5 sts/in. in St st.
Note: Gauge is not critical for this project. Because this bag will be felted your

fabric should appear to be loosely knit.

Notions: Scissors, tapestry needle. Optional: Four metal rings for handle attachment, four metal feet.

Abbreviations/Terms

BO – Bind Off

BOR – Beginning of Round

CO – Cast On

K2tog – Knit 2 Together

M1 – Make One

PM: Place Marker

Bag Bottom

With col A, cast on 24 sts.

Row 1: K.

Row 2: P. Do not end off col A. Join col B.

Row 3: K.

Row 4: P.

Repeat Rows 1-4 nine times more, changing colors every 2 rows.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 once more then bind off all sts loosely.

Bag Body

With RS of bag bottom facing and using col B, pick up and knit 1 st in each cast-on (or bound-off) st along the short edge of the bag bottom (should be 24 sts). Rotate bottom, pick up and knit 28 sts along long edge of bag, rotate and pick up 24 sts along short side, rotate and pick up 28 sts along other long side (104 sts total).

Join to begin working in the round. PM to mark BOR.

Rnd 1: P.

Rnd 2: K.

Begin working from the Fair-Isle Felted Bag Chart on page 4, starting with Round 1.

Working chart from right to left, place col A and B as desired throughout. Work until chart is complete.

Work in Garter st for 8 rounds, changing color every 2 rows.

Decrease round: *K6, k2tog; rep from * around (91 sts rem).

Next round: P.

BO rem sts.

I-Cord Handles (make 2)

With col B, CO 4 sts.

K 8 rows.

Next Row: K1, m1, k4, m1, k1 (6 sts).

Do not turn work at the end of this row.

Work a 24-inch-long I-cord as follows:

Continue knitting each row, but do not turn work. Slide your work to the right end of the left-hand needle. Pull your yarn tightly when working the first st of each row. When your I-cord is 24 in. long, proceed to next row.

Next Row: K2tog, k2, k2tog, turn (4 sts).

Knit 8 rows.

BO.

Hardware Attach Loops (make 4)

CO 5 sts.

Knit 18 rows.

BO all sts.

Finishing and Felting

Weave in ends. Place bag, loops and straps in pillowcase and felt in washer until fabric is firm and sts have lost their definition.

Sew on straps as desired and attach feet.

[Link Your Project to This Pattern on Ravelry](#)



Appendix - Fair Isle Felted Bag Chart

