

Design 6820B Striped Felted Bag



Unless otherwise noted, figures apply to measurements before felting.

Before felting approx. 18½" [47cm] wide and 19" [48cm] tall.

After felting approx. 13¾" [35cm] wide and 11¾" [30cm] tall.

Materials: Schachenmayr Wash+Filz-it!

1 ball (200g) each in col 00020 blanket and col 00021 steel.

Size 10½-11 [6.5-8mm] circular needle, 32" [80cm] long.

One set size 10½-11 [6.5-8mm] double-pointed needles [dpns].

Stockinette: k on RS; p on WS.

Stockinette in rnds: k every rnd.

Gauge:

11 sts and 16 rows/rnds = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette before felting.

15 sts and 26 rows/rnds = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette after felting.

INSTRUCTIONS

With blanket, cast on 10 sts for bottom of bag. Beg with a WS row, work in Stockinette for 54 rows. On last RS row, SKP [sl1 kwise, k1, pssol] first 2 sts and k2tog last 2 sts – 8 sts.

Next, with steel, pick up and k 44 sts along left edge of work, then pick up and k 8 sts along cast-on edge, then pick up and k 44 sts along right edge of work, then knit 8 sts on needle – 104 sts. Join for working in rnds.

Dot on schematic indicates beg of rnd. Work 22 rnds in Stockinette with steel, 16 rnds with blanket, 22 rnds with steel and 16 rnds with blanket – 76 rnds.

Next, work straps with blanket as foll: k14 and sl last 8 sts to dpn for strap, bind off next 16 sts, k8 and sl to separate dpn for strap, bind off next 20 sts, k8 and sl to separate dpn for strap, bind off next 16 sts, k8 and sl to separate dpn for strap, bind off next 20 sts.

Work across sts for each strap separately in Stockinette for 24 rows. Leave sts on dpns. Do not bind off. Graft 2 straps tog using Kitchener Stitch. Repeat for remaining 2 straps.

Felting in the Washing Machine

Set your washing machine to 40°C (104°F). Place bag, small amount of regular detergent and some old jeans or towels in machine. Do not add fabric softener. You may also add Shout® Color Catcher® sheets to absorb and trap loose dyes. Allow machine to complete a full wash and rinse cycle. If your project is not felted enough, you may felt it again, possibly using more agitation and hotter water.

Pull bag in shape and let dry. If desired, place a 7¾" [20cm] x 2" [5cm] piece of sturdy cardboard on bottom of bag.

Schematic for Bag

Figures on schematic show measurements before felting, figures in parenthesis show measurements after felting.

