

Knitted Felt Bag with crochet flowers

by Frances Bailey

Materials

Approx 200gms handspun wool
10mm needles

Use any scraps of wool, put them together to make approximately 12 ply thickness by just knotting to join the yarn. The ends will be trimmed off after felting.

Note: Quantities for the bigger bag are given in brackets.

Method

Cast on 50(65)

Knit 54 rows, slipping the 1st st of every row. Cast off.

To make handles

With right side facing, pick up 28 st along the side edge of work.

Knit 3(5) rows

Next row:

Knit 9 st, cast off 10 st, knit 9 st

Next row:

Knit 9 st, cast on 12 st, knit 9 st

Knit 2(3) rows

Cast off.

Repeat for the other side.

To make up

Stitch side seams from the handle end to 2.5cm from bottom of the bag, fasten thread (do not break off).

Gather the last 2.5cm into a circle, pull tightly and fasten off inside the bag.

To felt

Place hot water on low level in the washing machine, add a squirt of dishwashing liquid, wash until felted. Check every 10 mins or so to see how it is doing (keep resetting your machine). A dip into cold water will sometimes hasten the process. Spin dry. Stuff with paper and allow to dry.

Decorate if desired.



Crocheted Flower

by Biddy Kerr

Abbreviations

ch - chain
Sl st – slip stitch
dc – double crochet
Tr – treble crochet

4 ch, join with a slip st making a circle

1 ch, 11 dc into circle

Join to 1st ch with sl st

1 ch, 3 tr, 1 dc into the 1st dc

1 dc into next dc

(1 dc, 3 tr, 1 dc) into next dc, then 1 dc into next dc

Repeat from * to * to end, sl st into 1st ch

Fasten off.