

Xtreme Knitting!

Penny



This little felted handbag is knitted in gorgeous Colinette Skye yarn, lined with fabric and decorated with little fabric flowers.

It's easy to knit - techniques used are knitting in the round, increasing and decreasing, picking up sts and grafting.

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SIZE

One size, small handbag – big enough for a wallet and phone and lipstick!

MATERIALS

Colinette Skye [100% Wool; 183m/100g hank] 2 hanks in colour Honolulu

6.5mm, 60cm long circular needle

4 sts markers

2 stitch holders

Tapestry needle

Lining fabric (I used Kaffe Fassett fabric)

Tulle for flowers

Matching sewing thread

GAUGE

12 sts/18 rows = 4 inches in stockinette st – this is unfelted gauge

PATTERN

Base of bag (worked back and forth in rows):

Cast on 35 sts using 2 strands of yarn held together

Work 20 rows of garter st (knit every row)

Main section (worked in the round):

Now working with 1 strand of yarn, place marker, pick up and knit 20 sts along one edge, place marker, pick up and knit 35 sts along next edge, place marker, pick up and knit 20 sts along final edge, place marker, k35, 110 sts

Work in the round in st st until work measures 24 cm

Next round: k20, cast off next 35 sts, k55, place next 20 sts on a holder, turn and work flat from now on

Next row: p35 place next 20 sts on a holder

Work in st st on these 35 sts until flap measures 27 cm, ending with a purl row

Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 rows

Cast off rem 27 sts

Place sts from one holder on needle

Working flat in st st, dec 1 st at each end of next 6 rows, 8 sts

Work in garter st until strap measures desired length, or until only a few yards of yarn remain, ending with a WS row

Working in st st, inc 1 st at each end of next 6 rows, 20 sts

Graft these sts to the 20 sts on the other holder, taking care not to twist the strap

FINISHING

Felt the bag in a washing machine at 60°C, putting some jeans in the wash for added agitation if desired.

To line bag cut 2 pieces the same shape as bag with an extra 1.5 cm for seam allowance, and an extra 2 cm at the top.

Stitch the 2 pieces together along all edges except top edge, fold top edge over and stitch

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down, and then slip stitch lining into bag.

For flowers, cut 2 circles from fabric and 2 from netting for each flower.

Layer the circles, secure together in the centre, then work a circle of running stitch around the centre of the fabric circles, about 1cm from the centre.

Pull the thread tightly, which pulls the circles into a flower shape, and stitch these to the bag, making extra small stitches into the fabric to secure the flower shape.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOS

Close ups of flowers and lining:

A close-up photograph of a knitted bag made from pink and purple yarn. Two fabric flowers, made from pink and orange fabric, are attached to the bag. The bag is resting on a wooden surface.

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