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GOREUM

Meet our new family member in the aegyo family: Goreum bag. The bag is named 'Goreum', which is the Koranic word for the beautiful knot that is tied on the South Korean national dress Hanbok. The knot on the Goreum bag is, however, somewhat more simplistic, so that anyone can tie the knot. Goreum is a small and quick project that can be knitted in several different sizes as needed. It is knitted in moss stitch and felted at the end: this is so that the bag can carry all your essentials without giving in to the weight.

SIZES

1 (2) 3

MEASUREMENTS

1: height (without straps): 20cm, width: 20 cm, strap length strap1: 70 cm, strap length strap2: 18 cm.

2: height (without straps): 25cm, width: 25 cm, strap length strap1: 75 cm, strap length strap2: 20 cm.

3: height (without straps): 30cm, width: 25 cm, strap length strap1: 75cm, strap length strap2: 20 cm.

Size shown in the pictures is a size 2.

YARN AND GAUGE

Gauge: 12-13 sts x 12-13 rows = 10 x 10 in moss stitch on needle 5.0 mm / US 8.

Grey version: 100g (100g) 150g, 1 thread Fivel (100m / 50g), Rauma yarn col. sandmeleret.

Yarn alternative: 100g (100g) 150g Teddy dear (40% Alpaca superfine, 50% Merinowool og 10% PA), Gepard Garn *held together with* 100g (100g) 150g Pura Lana (50% soft alpaca, 50% soft wool) *If you chose this yarn combination it is recommended to do sts as stockinette.*

Recommended needle:

2 x circular needle 5.0 mm / US 8

ABBREVIATIONS

Always read through the pattern before knitting as there may be important information.

Beginning of round:	BOR
Cast on:	CO
Increase(s):	inc('s)
Knit:	k
Marker:	m
Knit 2 together:	k2tog
Knit 2 together through the back loop:	k2tog tbl
Knitwise:	k-wise
Left-hand needle:	lnh
Place marker:	pm
Pass slipped stitches over:	pss0
Purl:	p
Remain(s/ing):	rem
Right-hand needle:	rhn
Right side:	RS
Round:	rnd
Slip marker:	sm
Stitch(es):	st(s)
Wrong side:	WS
Yarn over:	yo

Moss stitch:

1. round: *k1, p1*, repeat.
2. round: *p1, k1*, repeat.

EXPERIMENTS WITH YARN

Goreum bag is intended as a knitting project where you can make a simple and useful bag, but at the same time it has been taken into account that the bag can be knitted in all possible yarns. This means that you can use your scrap yarns, but at

the same time get good use out of the yarn. You can vary exactly as you see fit! If necessary, try different yarns with different thicknesses and see how your bag can be both larger or smaller than the stated measurements. Only the imagination sets limits to how your Goreum bag can be.

PATTERNS STARTS HERE

CO 60 (80) 100 sts on a 5.0 mm (60 cm) / US 8 circular needle with Judy's magic cast on. Is this the first time you use this technic? Then see the video link (in Danish), but similar videos do exist on YouTube in English.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAEDPfEpwv8>

- 1. round:** now the count is 30 (40) 50 sts on each needle, pm to mark BOR, now start with the first round of moss stitch: *k1, p1* repeat until you have done the first 30 (40) 50 sts, now pm (m2) to mark the sides of the bag, now work continuously in moss stitch until you have worked the rest of the second needle and are back at the BOR.
- 2. round:** work the second round of moss stitch starting with: *p1, k1*, repeat throughout the round.

Continue working the rounds in moss stitch until your work measures approx.: 21 (26) 31 cm in height. (Be aware that depending on your choice of yarn, it may influence how much your bag will shrink when being felted)

Now it's time to start on the straps and bind off the sides of the bag:

Work 11 (13) 15 sts (first strap) in moss stitch (as the round you are on), pm, now bind off sts until there's 11 (13) 15 sts left on the needle before your m2, work the sts 11 (13) 15 sts in moss stitch, slip m2, work 11 (13) 15 sts, and then bind off sts until you reach the remaining 11 (13) 15 sts before the m that marks BOR.

Now you have 4 x 11 (13) 15 sts which are the straps.

You will now be working on the first and longest strap of the bag.

THE LONGEST STRAP WITH THE KNOT

Begin working the last 11 (13) 15 sts by working the sts from RS and WS as they show in moss stitch. (It can be helpful to places the other sts on a second needle 5 mm / US 8 while working back and forth on this strap)

Continue doing so until the strap measures approx.: 71 (76) 76 cm. End with a row from the RS.

Tip: you can try along the way to see if the strap is long enough to tie a knot, to make sure you have the correct length for the knot and with room for you to still get your hand through the strap while tied.

The strap must now be joined with the 11 (13) 15 sts right across. Turn the work out so that you have the sts from the WS and place the sts from across against the ones on the long strap, if you haven't moved the other sts to a new needle you have to do so now.

Now work the sts from each needle from WS in moss stitch: k2tog/or p2tog1 (depending on how the sts show) 1 sts from each needle, and bind them off at the same time so that the strap sts from each side are joined nonvisible together. Make sure the strap is not twisted while joining.

Note, the knot must not be tied before the bag has been felted.

THE SHORTER STRAP

Now the shorter strap is made with the remaining sts across each other.

Choose from which of the sides you want to work the sts and place the chosen 11 (13) 15 sts on a needle 5 mm / US 8 and grip a new thread of yarn.

Work the sts in moss stitch back and forth from RS and WS. Continue until the strap measures approx.: 21 (26) 26 cm. End with a RS row. Bind off the sts from WS while you join them with the 11 (13) 15 sts across as you did on the longer strap.

FELT THE BAG

When all the threads have been weaved in, it's time to felt the bag! This is done, to make the bag more durable in use (and of course to gain the sweet looks of the bag.) You can felt the bag in several different ways, but we do recommend either of the described ways to do so:



The more controlled and gentle way of felting:

Soak the bag so that it is thoroughly wet and now tumble-dry the bag while you monitor the process. This allows you to control how felted you want the bag to become – this may be a slow process. When you feel you have gained the look you want, pull the bag out and let it dry flat.

The easy way to obtain the felted bag:

Wash the bag together with a towel in the washing machine, while choosing a short program on 40 degrees and a spincycle of 1000 rpm. Your bag should now be felted, pull it a bit while still wet and place it flat on a towel to dry.

TIE THE KNOT

When the bag is fully dry and felted, you can now tie the knot on the longer strap, make sure you don't tie it too tight and that the knot is placed close to the start of the strap.

The bag can also be used without the knot, so that you are able to use the bag over the shoulder or across.

Your Goreum bag is now ready!