



PETRA BAG

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Petra bag is a fun and easy bag to knit and the pattern does not contain any difficult techniques. The dense appearance is achieved through felting the bag, after which it becomes tight and stable.

SIZES AND MEASUREMENTS

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YARN AND GAUGE

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250g: *worked with two strands*

Gauge: not relevant as the bag will be felted

Finished bag measurements after felting approx.: 25 cm long and 19 cm high.

MATERIALS

- Leather handle, available at www.askegren.dk
- Zipper, 30cm.
- Sewing thread in same colour as yarn.

Recommended needles:

Circular needle 5 mm, 40 and 80 cm

ABBREVIATIONS

Stitch marker: SM

Stitch(es): st(s)

knit: k

purl: p

INTRODUCTION TO WORKFLOW:

Felting: to felt the bag, wash it in the washing machine: recommend a 40 degree wash with 1000 spins. Also add a towel into the machine, this will make the felting tighter. It may be that you have to repeat the felting to get the desired measurements.

Adding the handle and zipper: The handle and zipper are sewn on with thread, but only AFTER washing/felting.

Joining yarn ends: when you come to the end of a skein, work 5-6 sts together with the new yarn so you don't have any loose ends. This can be done as the ends will be felted into the work.

*** PATTERN STARTS HERE ***

START

Cast-on 20 sts with the two strands held together on 5 mm needles. Work flat in

stockinette stitch until the work measures 20 cm.

SIDES

Pick up sts along the three sides of the work from the right side: 34, 20 and 34 sts.

Place SMs in the four corners, making sure you know which one is the beginning of round marker (after the last 36 sts you picked up).

Work stockinette in the round until the work measures 18 cm.

On the next round, *k7, k2tog through the back loop, k1, place SM, k1, k2tog, k7, k36*. Repeat from * to * once more.

Work the decrease round described above on every second round, but knitting one

fewer st before the decrease. If it helps, place SMs where you should decrease.

When 4 sts of the 20 sts remains, k one round.

On the next round, k4, then cast off the side sts, k4, then turn the work and work 5 flat rows of stockinette, cast-off those 4 sts and break the yarn.

Place the yarn along the next side side and cast-off the remaining long side of the bag until you reach the 4sts on the opposite end. Repeat the 5 rows of stockinette like the previous end and cast off.

Cast-off, and weave in ends.

FELTING

If you are going to felt your bag, do this now, before sewing in the zip or adding the handle. Note that you cannot sew down the flaps before felting.