



Roll Top Felted Purse Pattern

Materials: 2 skeins Lamb's Pride Bulky in Orange You Glad & 3 balls Lion Brand Landscapes in Raspberry Patch.

Needles: Size 13 circulars & yarn needle.

PURSE BODY (purse is knit from bottom up): Cast on 8 stitches with Lamb's Pride Bulky in Orange You Glad and knit 64 rows, place marker. Pick up 32 stitches along first long edge & place marker; pick up 8 stitches on short edge & place marker; pick up 32 stitches along other long edge & place different color marker for beginning of round. You should have a total of 80 stitches on your needles and 3 row markers of the same color and 1 row marker in a contrasting color to mark beginning of your row, for a total of 4 markers.

Rows 1 - 3 (with 1 strand of Orange) Knit in the round for a total of three rows. Cut Orange and tie on 1 strand of Raspberry Patch.

Rows 4 - 9 (with 1 strand of Raspberry Patch) Knit in the round for a total of 6 rows. Tie off Raspberry Patch and tie on 1 strand of Orange.

Repeat the above row sequence 1 - 3 & 4 - 9 (3 rows of Orange & 6 rows of Raspberry Patch) 5 more times ending with 3 rows of Orange. At this point you should have an orange bottom, 7 Orange stripes and 6 Raspberry Patch stripes.

PURSE TOP: You should be at your beginning row marker. Knit 8 stitches & remove row marker; Knit 32 stitches & remove next row marker; Knit 2 stitches; Bind Off next 4 stitches; Knit 2 stitches & remove next row marker; Knit 32 stitches & remove beginning round row marker; Knit 2 stitches; Bind Off 4 stitches. You should have two sets of 36 stitches.

Place one set of 36 stitches on another set of circulars or a stitch holder, with the 36 stitches that are on your needles, knit in stockinet stitch (knitting right side rows & purling wrong side rows) for 16 rows. Bind off loosely knit wise.

Repeat with remaining 36 stitches on other side. You will now have 2 separate orange flaps at the top of your purse.

Fold the 1st flap to inside of purse making a tube and overcast stitch to the inside of your purse. Repeat for other side.

Make 2 separate 5 stitch i-cords 60" long. Feed 1 i-cord through one of the tubes and stitch together the ends. Pull the i-cord handle until the seam disappears in the middle of the tube. Repeat with the other i-cord on the other side of the purse.

Felt in a zippered bag or pillow case in your washing machine set on small load, hottest water setting, with approx. 3 tablespoons of non-chlorine laundry detergent, until you can no longer see the stitches in your work. You may have to reset your washing machine back to the beginning of the wash cycle more than once to felt it enough.

If you like want to close the top of your purse, sew in a zipper in a matching color or use a magnetic snap (cover exposed snap plates by gluing on buttons with shanks removed).

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