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Bamboo Handle Felted Purse

with
Felt-It

TECHNIQUE USED: Knitting and
Felting



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

approx 10 1/2" wide x 9" high x
2 1/2" deep

MATERIALS

Caron International's Felt-It (100% wool; 1.76 oz/50 g): 4 balls; #11 hand
knitting needle OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE

pair of 15" long bamboo handles

hand sewing needle

sewing thread to match yarn color.

For felting: nylon net bag; clear hand soap; old (clean) jeans to use for
additional agitation while washing; plastic bags to use as stuffing while
purse dries after felting; clothes washer.

Six 12mm drop beads (optional)

two size 11 seed beads (optional)

one 5mm bead

PRE-FELTED GAUGE

In st st: 12 sts & 16 rows = 4"/10 cm

GAUGE AFTER FELTING

16 sts & 29 rows = 4"/10 cm

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE: FELTING

After knitting purse, completely assemble it with the exception of attaching
the handles. Put the purse into the net bag. Put the purse and jeans into
the washer and fill the washer tub with hot water (as hot as your washer
allows) to a level that covers the purse by approx. 6". Add a capful of the



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liquid soap. Agitate for 6 minutes. (Note that many washer cycles are just 2 minutes, so stop the washer after each cycle and re-start until 6 minutes of total agitation have elapsed.) Check the felting status of the purse. Depending on your washer, to felt the purse to the desired amount, it should take between 6 and 8 minutes of agitation. When you are pleased with the amount of felting, remove the purse and let the water drain and fill to the same water level with cold rinse water. Put the purse (in the zip bag) back into the washer and agitate for another minute. The cold water will make the purse felt just a bit more. Let the water drain and let the spin cycle run for about 30 seconds. Remove the purse. You can now slightly stretch it into shape. Stuff with plastic bags so the purse will retain it's shape while drying. Lay flat to dry.

STITCHES USED

Stockinette Stitch (st st): Row 1 (right side): knit.

Row 2: Purl Repeat Rows 1 & 2 for pat st.

Garter Stitch: Knit every row.

BODY (Make 2)

Cast on 40 sts. Work in st st until pc meas 16". End wrong side. Shape handle extensions: Knit 10. Join second ball yarn & bind off next 20 sts. Knit to end. Working both handles at same time, continue in st st until handles meas 8". Bind off across.

SIDE GUSSET (Make 2)

Cast on 12 sts. Work in st st until pc meas 16". Bind off across.

BASE

Cast on 40 sts. Work in garter st until pc meas 3". Bind off across.

FINISHING

Sew base to gussets at short ends. Sew front to gussets & base using overcast stitch on right side.

Repeat for back. Felt purse. When dry, sew beads to Front and Back, using illustration as guide. Fold over handle extensions over bamboo handles and, using hand sewing needle & thread, sew into place to secure handles. Repeat for other 3 handle extensions.

Washing And Drying (after felting): Hand wash gently in cold water using a mild detergent. Gently rinse well in cold water. Lay flat on a towel and roll in towel to remove excess water.

DO NOT WRING, STRETCH OR HANG TO DRY.

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