

FELTED SHOPPER

Dimensions after felting: Bottom approx. 13¾" [35cm] in diameter; top edge approx. 20½" [52cm] in diameter; approx. 9¾" [25cm] tall

Dimensions before felting: Bottom approx. 20½" [52cm] in diameter; top edge approx. 30¾" [78cm] in diameter; approx. 18" [46cm] tall

Materials: Approx. 3 balls each (approx. 55yd/50m each) of Lana Grossa **Feltro** (100% wool) in wine (col 15), beige (col 24) and midnight (col 5); size N/15 [10mm] crochet hook, one set size 11 [8mm] double-pointed needles [dpns]; Shout® Color Catcher® if desired.

Note: Feltro shrinks approx. 30-40% during felting process.

Double Crochet [dc]: Work in rounds according to chart. Ch 34 + ch 2 (count as 1 dc). Numbers on chart indicate beginning of each round. Begin each round with ch 2 (count as 1 dc). Join each round with a slip st. Work first dc on first round in 3rd ch from hook. Work 1 dc in every ch, working under front loop only = 32 dc, work 4 dc in first ch [see arrow a on chart]. Next, work dc across foundation row again, working under back loop only, work 2 dc in last ch = 72 dc on round 1. Rounds 2-5: continue working according to chart, increase 6 sts as charted – 84 dc after round 5. Arrows on schematic show direction of work. Work remaining rounds as given in instructions. To increase, work 2 dc in one st.

Stripe Sequence: * 1 round each in wine, beige and midnight; repeat from * throughout. When changing colors, work st up to second to last step so that 2 loops remain on the hook, then use the new color to complete the st. Cut old color.

Gauge: 7 dc and 4 rounds = 4" [10 cm] before felting; 10 dc and 6.5 rounds = 4" [10 cm] after felting.

Bag: Begin at center bottom. With wine, ch 34 + ch 2 (count as 1 dc). Work dc in rounds according to chart and follow stripe sequence.



Work rnds 1-5 as instructed.

Rnd 6: work 84 dc around, do not work increases.

Rnd 7: work same as rnd 5, inc 4 sts – 88 dc.

Rnd 8: work 88 dc around, do not work increases.

Rnd 9: work same as rnd 5, inc 4 sts – 92 dc.

Rnd 10: work 92 dc around, do not work incs.

Rnd 11: work same as rnd 5, inc 4 sts – 96 dc.

Rnd 12: work 96 dc around, do not work incs.

Rnd 13: work same as rnd 5, inc 4 sts – 100 dc.

Rnd 14: work 100 dc around, do not work incs.

Rnd 15: work same as rnd 5, inc 4 sts – 104 dc.

Rnd 16: work 104 dc around, do not work incs.

Rnd 17: work same as rnd 5, inc 4 sts – 108 dc.

Rnd 18: work 108 dc around, do not work incs.

Rnd 19: work 108 sc around.

Straps [make 2]: With dpns and midnight, cast on 8 sts and work each row as following: * k1, sl1 pwise wyif, repeat from * to end. Work for approx. 64 rows or until you've used half of the yarn. Bind off all sts. Carefully weave in all ends.

Felting: Place bag and straps, Shout® Color Catcher® and a couple of old towels into washing machine. Set your washing machine on the lowest water setting, the highest temperature and the longest agitation possible. Turn on the machine and let it fill with water. Add small amount of detergent if desired. Pull felted pieces in shape, sew straps to bag using schematic as guide.

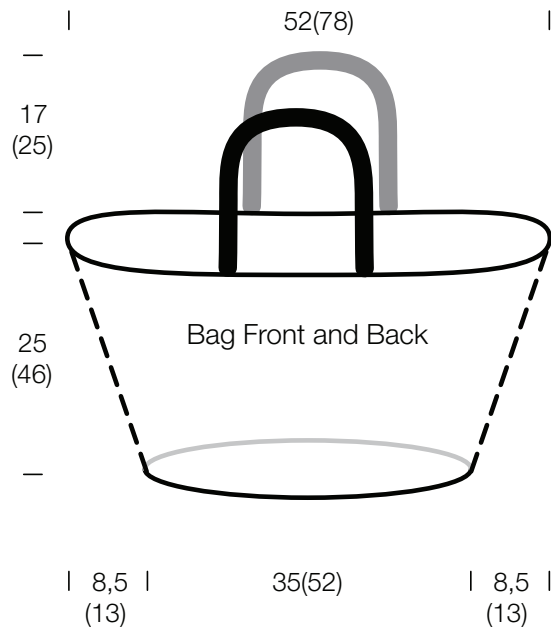


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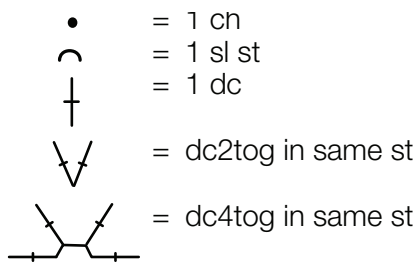


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