

## FELTED BAG

**Size before felting:** Approx. 19" x 28¼" [48 x 72 cm] excluding handles and bottom.

**Size after felting:** bottom approx. 18½" x 4¾" [47 x 12 cm], bag approx. 11¾" x 21¼" [30 x 54cm].

Figures on schematic show measurements after felting, figures in parenthesis show measurements before felting. When only one figure is given, it applies to both measurements.

**Materials:** Approx. 7 balls (approx. 55yd/50m each) of Lana Grossa **Feltro** (100% wool) in mocha (col 16) and approx. 5 balls (approx. 55yd/50m each) of Lana Grossa **Feltro Print** (100% wool) in mocha/brown/fuchsia (col 313); size 11 and 15 [8 and 10mm] circular needles, 40" [100cm] long. Stitch markers. 18½" x 4¾" [47 x 12 cm] plastic sheet to reinforce the bottom. Two 6¼" x 4¼" [16 x 10.5cm] handles [by Prym, item 615106 'Noemi']. Four ¾" brass fasteners for handles [by Prym, item 615132]. Shout® Color Catcher® if desired.

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

**Stockinette st in rounds:** k every round.

**Slip Stitch Pattern:** Work according to chart. Numbers at right edge of chart indicate rounds, letters indicate yarn used: A = Feltro, B = Feltro Print. Work 8-st pattern repeat between arrows around. Repeat rounds 1-20 throughout.

**Gauge:** 11 sts and 18 rounds = 4" [10 cm] in slip st pattern before felting.

**Bag:** With larger circular needle and Feltro in mocha, cast on 120 sts for bottom. Join for working in rounds and mark first and 61<sup>st</sup> st. Work 1 round even in Stockinette st.

**Rnd 2 [increase round]:** Continue in Stockinette st and increase [M1r] 1 st before and after each marked st = 4 sts increased. Repeat round 2 nine times more – 160 sts. Next, work in slip st pattern according to chart for **sides**, working pattern repeat between arrows 20 times around. When sides measure 18" [46cm], change to smaller circular needle and Feltro in mocha and work I-cord bind off as following: cast on 5 sts at beginning of round using the knitted cast-on as following: \* insert RH needle into st on LH needle and draw yarn through. Do not drop new st from LH needle,



but slip new st onto tip of LH needle. Repeat from \* 4 times more. Next, \*\* k4, k2tog tbl = 5 sts on RH needle. Slip these 5 sts back to LH needle and repeat from \*\* to end of round. Bind off the last 5 sts. Sew beg and end of rnd together with mattress st.

**Finishing:** Fold piece flat and sew bottom seam. Carefully sew in all ends.

**Felting:** Place bag, 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. Shape bag by stuffing it with lots of crumpled paper and let dry. Sew fasteners and handles to bag as shown in photo.

**Chart**

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**Chart key:**

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