



BARTON BAG

A creation by Claudia and Francine for Apple Yarns

Abbreviations

K Knit

P Purl

K2tog Knit two stitches together

P2tog Purl two stitches together

P3tog Purl three stitches together

CO Cast-on

St st Stockinette stitch (1 row K, 1 row P)

Ssk Slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together

C6B Slip 3 sts to cable needle and hold in back, k next 3 sts, k3 sts from cable needle

C6F Slip 3 sts to cable needle and hold in front, k next 3 sts, k3 sts from cable needle

Needles US #10 1/2_

#10 or 10 1/2_ double points

Yarn Eco Wool

Yarn needle

Cable needle

Sides (make 2)

With US # 10 1/2 needles CO 36 stitches

Row 1 K, mark as the front

Row 2 P

Row 3 CO 2 stitches, knit across row, CO 2 Stitches (40 stitches)

Row 4 P

Row 5 Repeat row 3 (44)

Row 6 P

Row 7 CO 1 stitch, knit across row CO 1 stitch (46)

Row 8 Starting with a Purl Row work in St st through Row 20

Row 21 K1, K2tog, knit across row to last 3 stitches Ssk, K1

Row 22 - 30 work in St st

Row 31 Repeat row 21 (42)

Row 32 - 40 work in St st
Row 41 Repeat Row 21 (40)
Row 42- 50 work in stockinette stitch
Row 51 Repeat Row 21 (38)
Row 52 - 60 Work in stockinette stitch
Row 61 Knit 12 stitches, bind off next 14 stitches, knit across last 11 stitches, (12 stitches remain at each edge.) Turn

Right edge

Row 1 Purl 10, P2tog
Row 2 K2tog, K9
Row 3 Purl 8, P2tog
Row 4 K2tog, K7
Row 5 Purl 6, P2tog
Row 6 K2tog, K5
Row 7 Purl 4, P2tog
Row 8 K2tog, K3
Row 9 P2, P2tog
Row 10 K2tog, K1, bind off these 2 stitches

Left Edge

Pick up the first bound off stitch next to the 12 stitches and put on left needle (a total of 13 stitches on the needle)

Row 1 P3tog, Purl 10
Row 2 K9, k2tog
Row 3 P2tog P8
Row 4 K7, K2tog
Row 5 P2tog, P6
Row 6 K5, K2tog
Row 7 P2tog, P4
Row 8 K 3, K2tog
Row 9 P2tog, P2
Row 10 K1, k2tog
Row 11 P2tog, cut yarn and draw through remaining stitch

I-cord

With Double points CO 3 stitches. Knit all stitches. Do not turn; slide the stitches to the other end of the needle. Pull the working yarn across the back and knit next row. Repeat until I-cord is 8 inches long.

Cabled gusset and strap

Using a provisional cast-on method, CO 24 stitches.

Row 1 (RS): P6, C6B, C6F, p6
Row 2 and all even rows: K6, p12, k6
Row 3 and 5: P6, k12, p6

Row 7: Rep row 1

Repeat rows 2 - 7 for cable.

At the same time, when gusset is 7" long, dec 1 st (K2tog) on both edges.

Repeat dec every 8" twice ending with a ws row. (18 sts)

Continuing in cable pattern on the strap, start the attached i-cord.

Row 1: Work to the last 3 stitches, bring the yarn to the front and slip these sts.

Row 2: K3, purl12, slip the last 3 sts.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for desired length of strap, keeping in mind that it will end up being 6" shorter after felting. I suggest somewhere between 42 and 48". End on a wrongside row.

Continuing in cable pattern on gusset, inc2 sts by knitting in the front and back of the first and last st. Repeat inc every 8" twice. Work 7" more and end on row 5 of pattern.

Making sure that gusset and strap are not twisted, place stitches from provisional cast-on, on a second needle. Holding the edges with right sides facing, work a 3 needle bind-off in pattern.

Assembly

Pin the front to the gusset, matching the gusset seam to the center, first dec/inc in the middle of the curve, second dec/inc half way between center of curve and top, and at the top. Using a mattress stitch sew the front to the cabled gusset. Repeat for the back.

Attached i-cord

Leaving a 10" tail, pick-up and knit 34 stitches across front. CO 3 sts. Work attached i-cord as follows: K2, k2tog. Slip 3 sts from right hand needle back to left hand needle. Repeat until all sts have been worked. Leave a 10" tail to attach end of bag i-cord to handle i-cord. Repeat for back. Attach the i-cord button loop at the center back.

Lightly felt the bag.

Felting instructions

Felting is easy! It is a simple process, just be patient!!!

Many things affect the felting process, your yarn, washing machine, temperature of the water, and time. It is impossible to predict the exact size of your project, but it should come out similar size and shape as mine. Do NOT forget to check the felting process frequently.

1. Use a top load washer, since you will be opening it often.
2. Set the water level to lowest level, use the hottest water possible, (too hot to leave your hands in it). Use a small amount of detergent, 1 to 2 teaspoons. Set the washer for it's longest wash cycle.

3. Place your project in a mesh laundry bag or zippered pillowcase, and put it into the filled washer. Also put in a pair of clean old tennis shoes or a couple of old jeans, this helps with the felting process.
4. Set your washer on the longest wash cycle, DO NOT let it go into spin or drain. Let it agitate for 5 minutes and then stop the machine and check your project. I always reset the wash cycle time and continue to check the process every 3 to 5 minutes. The felting process might take 10 to 45 minutes. REMINDER... DO NOT LET THE WASHER DRAIN OR SPIN; this could cause creases that will not come out.
5. Remove it from the washing machine when you are satisfied with the amount of felting, and put it in a sink with cold water, to hand rinse.
6. Wrap it in a dry towel and gently squeeze out the excess water.
7. Lay project on another dry towel and pull, stretch, or tug it into the proper shape. Once you are happy with the shape put it some place to dry completely.

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