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GINA AND GALWAY WORSTED Felted Bag



Approximate Measurements before felting 19" circumference x 16" tall

Materials:

Gina: 4—50g balls, color 20

Galway: 2—100g balls, color 10 Navy

Gauge: 10 sts = 4" in st st holding 2 strands together on US size 13 (9mm) before felting.

Needles: US Size 13 (9mm) 24" circular needle, 1 stitch marker, US Size 13 (9mm) or 15 (10mm) DPNs for icord.

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Remember to hold 2 strands of yarn throughout the entire knit.

Begin

Base

With 1 strand of Galway and 1 strand of Gina held together, and circular needle, CO 32 sts.

Work in garter st (k every row) until piece measures 6" from CO edge do not turn your work on the last row. Instead, rotate the work 90 degrees and, pick up evenly and k 15 sts along the side edge, pick up evenly and k 32 sts along the CO edge, pick up evenly and k 15 sts along the side edge.

94 sts on needle.

Body

Pm to mark beg of rnd. Work in st st (k every rnd) until piece measures 15" from beg of body. P 1 rnd, k1 rnd, p1 rnd. BO all sts in k on next rnd.

Icord Straps

With 1 DPN and 1 strand of Galway and 1 strand of Gina held together, CO 5 sts. You will be working in the rnd in an icord method—which means you will slide the sts from 1 end of a DPN to the next end without turning the work. (K1 row, do not turn. Instead, slide the sts to right end of the DPN). Work from (to) until the icord measures 30" from CO edge. Cut yarn, leaving a 4" tail for seaming. Thread tapestry needle and gather up the sts. Fasten off. Make another strap.

Attach Icord Straps

With the bag laying flat, measure 5" in from each side edge, sew each end of one strap to the top BO edge of the bag. Stitch into place. Flip the bag over and repeat for the other strap.

Felting

To protect your washer from excessive lint, place bag in a pillow case, tie shut. Set the washer to hot wash, cold rinse and lowest water level. Add a small bit of detergent. Check on the bag every 5 minutes. Felting could take 20 minutes or so. Keep setting back the timer to make the wash cycle longer. When desired felting is achieved, rinse and spin lightly. Excessive spinning can set in creases. Remove bag, form to desired size. Brush to remove excess lint. Let dry, which may take up to 2 days.

A sturdy base made out of plastic can be used to stabilize the bottom.

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ABBREVIATIONS: beg= begin(ning), BO= bind off, CO= cast on, DPNs= double pointed needles, k= knit, m= marker, mm= millimeter, pm= place marker, p = purl, rep= repeat, rnd= round, RS= right side, sl = slip, st(s) = stitch(es), st st = stockinette st

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