



**Free Knitting Pattern
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SKILL LEVEL: [Intermediate](#)

SIZE: One Size

Finished Height: About 10 in. (25.5 cm), not including handles, after felting.

Finished Circumference: About 54 in. (137 cm), after felting.

Note: Due to natural variations in size caused by the felting process, the size of your Bag may vary.

CORRECTIONS: None as of Aug 4, 2010. To check for later updates, click [here](#).

MATERIALS

- 150-098 [Lion Brand Fishermen's Wool Yarn: Natural](#)
4 Balls
- [Large-Eye Blunt Needles \(Set of 6\)](#)
- Additional Materials
Circular knitting needle size 9 (5.5 mm), 29 in. (73.5 cm) long

T-pins

Medium size binder clips

Sewing needle and thread

GAUGE:

16 sts = about 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS) before felting.

EXACT GAUGE IS NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THIS PROJECT.

The above gauge is provided as a reference - the felting process will affect the finished size.

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE. When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you less stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

NOTES:

1. Circular needle is used to accommodate the large number of sts on the Base of the Bag. Work back and forth on circular needle as if working on straight needles.
2. Due to the nature of the felting process, the size of your finished Bag may vary.
3. Bag is worked in four separate pieces: Body, Base, and 2 Handles and is sewn together with sewing needle and thread after being felted.
4. The Body of the Bag is oversized. If you prefer, you can make the Body in 2 pieces, each 42 in. (106.5 cm) long. Seam these 2 pieces tog before felting.

BODY

Cast on 52 sts.

Working back and forth on circular needle, as if working on straight needles, work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) until piece measures about 84 in. (213.5 cm) from beg. Bind off.

BASE

Cast on 150 sts.

Work back and forth on circular needle in St st until piece measures about 30 in. (76 cm) from beg. Bind off.

HANDLES (make 2)

Cast on 14 sts.

Working back and forth on circular needle, work in St st until piece measures about 23 in. (58.5 cm) from beg. Bind off.

Note: During the felting process, edges of Handles will roll naturally.

FINISHING

Pleating

Note: The long sides of the Body piece are the top and bottom edge of Bag Body. T-pins are placed 1 in. (2.5 cm) apart along both long sides to mark pleat placement.

1. Lay Body onto a flat surface. Measure 1/2 in. (1.5 cm) from cast on edge on each side edge, and place T-pins. Continue to place T-pins along each long side of Body, marking every 1 in. (2.5 cm).
2. Beg at cast-on edge, fold a pleat in Body by matching first set of pins to 2nd and allowing fabric to fold on RS, making a 1 in. (2.5 cm) pleat. Secure folded edge of pleat with binder clips.
3. Working from RS, with sewing needle and thread, sew through both layers, across Body, from T-pin to T-pin (base of pleat). Don't be

concerned about neatness of your sewing - this seam will all but disappear in the felting process. When pleat is sewn in place, remove binder clips.

4. Skip next marked 1 in. (2.5 cm) of Body, then make another pleat, by matching the next two sets of T-pins, and sewing across the base of pleat.

5. Continue to make pleats in every alternate marked section along length of Body, leaving last 1 in. (2.5 cm) or so of Body unpleated.

Smocking

1. When all pleats have been made, you will sew pleats together to form a honeycomb, smocked effect. Working from RS and with binder clips, clip first pleat to second pleat at 5 evenly spaced points.

2. With sewing needle and thread, and removing one binder clip at a time, sew through both pleats at each clipped point. Knot thread securely. Don't be concerned about neatness of your sewing - sts will disappear in the felting process.

3. Sew third and fourth pleats together in same way as first and second, then, clip third pleat to second pleat at 4 points, spaced evenly between sewn points.

Removing binder clips as you work, sew third pleat to second at each clipped point.

4. Continue to clip and then sew pleats together, leaving portions of the pleats unsewn as desired.

5. Sew cast on edge to bound-off edge (to make a tube).

Felting

Weave in ends. Wash pieces by machine on a hot wash/cold rinse cycle with detergent and several pieces of clothing to agitate. To felt additionally, dry by machine on a regular setting until almost dry. Remove from dryer and pull into shape. Allow to dry completely.

Assembly

Measure Body circumference. Cut Base into a circle to match Body circumference. With needle and thread, sew Base to Body. Sew Handles to Body. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
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<u>beg = begin(s)(ning)</u>	<u>k = knit</u>
<u>p = purl</u>	<u>RS = right side</u>
<u>St st = Stockinette stitch</u>	<u>st(s) = stitch(es)</u>
<u>WS = wrong side</u>	

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