



Shown in tudor, black, cream, charcoal and silver

Notions

- 3mm 80cm circular needles
- 3mm straight needles
- Stitch marker
- Tapestry needle

Yarn

Five JC Rennie miniballs in contrasting colours

Finished size

26cm x 19 cm before and after felting

With circular needle and Colour A (Charcoal) cast on 70 sts. Knit for 20 rows. Pick up 10 stitches along the side of the rectangle of garter stitch (I stitch per garter stitch ridge), then 70 stitches along the cast on edge and 5 more stitches along the garter stitch ridges.

Place a marker then pick up the remaining 5 stitches. I 60 stitches. This marker denotes the start of round. Knit in the round for 8 rounds or until Colour A runs out.

Transfer the first 30 stitches of the round onto straight needles and with Colour B (Red) starting with a knit row work in stocking stitch until you have 5g remaining – about 5 inches or 40 rows. Transfer these 30 stitches back onto the circular needle and transfer the next 50 stitches onto the straight needles.

Working with Colours C&D (Black and White) work chart in stocking stitch starting with a knit row on these 50 stitches. Repeat the chart two and a half times across the 50 stitches.

Work the chart from the bottom to the top. Right side rows (odd numbers) should be worked from right to left, wrong side (even numbered) rows should be worked from left to right. When you have worked 30 rows then change to Colour E (Medium Grey) and work in stocking stitch for another 10 rows or until the section is the same length as the red section.

Break yarn and transfer these stitches onto the circular needle. Repeat these two sections on the other 80 stitches so that you have four sections around the bag. You should now be back to 160 stitches on the circular needle.

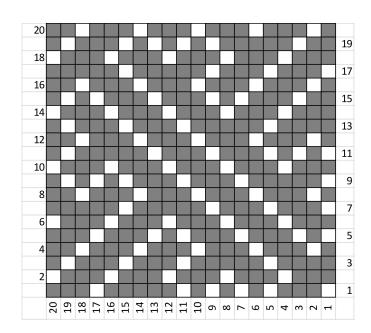
Stitch the four sections together -1 used a whip stitch to get a flat seam.

Join in Colour E (Medium Grey) at the start of the round and starting with a knit round work in Garter stitch (knit I round, purl I round) for 4 rounds.

Round 5 (make handles) K 20, cast off 40 sts, K 40, cast off 40 sts, K 20. (80 sts)

Round 6, P 20, cast on 30 sts, P 40, cast on 30 sts, P 20. (140 sts)

Note: to cast on here I turned the work and did a cable cast on, then turned back to purl the other stitches.



Now starting with a knit round continue working in garter stitch for another 10 rounds, or until Colour E (Medium Grey) runs out. Cast off.

Weave in ends then lightly felt (or 'full') the bag by filling a basin with warm water and a squirt of detergent and agitating the fabric by hand. Rinse and repeat until the desired effect is achieved. About five minutes of rubbing the two sides of the bag together should be sufficient. The bag should then be tumble dried. The size will not change but the fabric because smoother and firmer. You may wish to line your bag with fabric if you intend to put knitting needles in it.

Abbreviations

K - Knit

P – Purl

Sts - Stitches



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