

X-Tremely Slim Felted Bag

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This is a Modular Triangle knit bag that has no seams. You pick up stitches as you add a triangle. There are 4 triangles on each side of bag. I used a self stripe yarn and it worked out so I got the same colors in each triangle but that is not necessary as you may use any yarn you like and get a totally different looking bag.

MATERIALS:

240 yards self stripe chunky wool (Model was knit with Universal Yarn Deluxe chunky LP color 09)

120 yards solid chunky wool (Model was knit with Universal Yarn Deluxe chunky color 91876)

US size 11- 24inch circular needles

NOTE: Each of my triangles match in color stripes. Not all yarns will allow this to happen. Universal yarn worked perfect for this triangle. You may also substitute solids and stripe the yarn as you desire. Or just let the colors go where they want. Every bag will be different.

Pre-felting size is 18"wide, 18" tall

After felting size is about 13"wide, 13" tall.

Begin Triangle

Cast on 59sts.

Row 1: Knit 58, Purl 1

Row 2: Slip 1, Knit 2 together, knit 25, slip 1, Knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over, Knit 25, Knit 2 together, Purl 1.

Row 3: Slip 1, Knit 54, Purl 1

Row 4: Slip 1, Knit 2 together, knit 23, slip 1, Knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over, Knit 23, Knit 2 together, Purl 1.

Row 5: Slip 1, Knit 49, Purl 1

- Row 6:** Slip 1, Knit 2 together, knit 21, slip 1, Knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over, Knit 21, Knit 2 together, Purl 1.
- Row 7:** Slip 1, Knit 45, Purl 1
- Row 8:** Slip 1, Knit 2 together, knit 19, slip 1, Knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over, Knit 19, Knit 2 together, Purl 1.
- Row 9:** Slip 1, Knit 41, Purl 1
- Row 10:** Slip 1, Knit 2 together, knit 17, slip 1, Knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over, Knit 17, Knit 2 together, Purl 1.
- Row 11:** Slip 1, Knit 37, Purl 1
- Row 12:** Slip 1, Knit 2 together, knit 15, slip 1, Knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over, Knit 15, Knit 2 together, Purl 1.
- Row 13:** Slip 1, Knit 33, Purl 1
- Row 14:** Slip 1, Knit 2 together, knit 13, slip 1, Knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over, Knit 13, Knit 2 together, Purl 1.
- Row 15:** Slip 1, Knit 29, Purl 1
- Row 16:** Slip 1, Knit 2 together, knit 11, slip 1, Knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over, Knit 11, Knit 2 together, Purl 1.
- Row 17:** Slip 1, Knit 25, Purl 1
- Row 18:** Slip 1, Knit 2 together, knit 9, slip 1, Knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over, Knit 9, Knit 2 together, Purl 1.
- Row 19:** Slip 1, Knit 21, Purl 1
- Row 20:** Slip 1, Knit 2 together, knit 7, slip 1, Knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over, Knit 7, Knit 2 together, Purl 1.
- Row 21:** Slip 1, Knit 17, Purl 1
- Row 22:** Slip 1, Knit 2 together, knit 5, slip 1, Knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over, Knit 5, Knit 2 together, Purl 1.
- Row 23:** Slip 1, Knit 13, Purl 1
- Row 24:** Slip 1, Knit 2 together, knit 3, slip 1, Knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over, Knit 3, Knit 2 together, Purl 1.
- Row 25:** Slip 1, Knit 9, Purl 1
- Row 26:** Slip 1, Knit 2 together, knit 1, slip 1, Knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Purl 1.
- Row 27:** Slip 1, Knit 5, Purl 1
- Row 28:** Knit 2 together, slip 1, Knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over, Knit 2 together
- Row 29:** Slip 1, K1, Purl 1
- Row 30:** Slip 1, Knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over. End and cut yarn.

You are now going to pick up and knit 29 stitches along one side of triangle (not the bottom), then cast on 30 stitches. You now have 59 stitches on your needles and you will repeat triangle instructions. Repeat for 3rd and 4th triangle also. After 4th is complete you will have a square.

Repeat this process for the back of bag also.

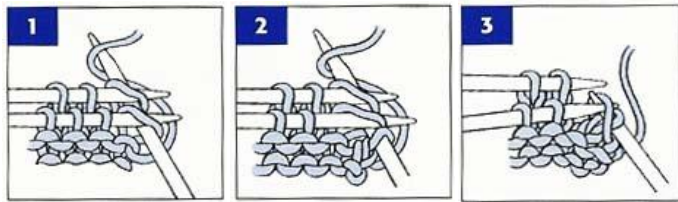
When you have 2 squares complete, you will want to pick up and knit 32 stitches along one edge of bag with your solid color. This will be the bottom of the bag.

Next row: *Knit 1, Increase one by knitting into front and back of next stitch*, repeat across between **.

You should now have about 49 stitches. Knit evenly 5 more rows and put stitches on a holder.

Now repeat this process on other square but leave stitches on needle.

You will now do a 3 needle bind off by putting the stitches you had on holder on a spare needle as pictured below.



With right sides together, hold in one hand two needles with equal number of stitches on each. With third needle, knit together one stitch from each needle, *knit together one stitch from each needle, pass first stitch worked over second to bind off, repeat form * across to last stitch. Cut working yarn and pull through last stitch to secure.

You now have the front square and the back square connected together at the bottom with a solid color. You will now pick up and knit the sides of the bag. Starting at the top corner of bag, pick up and knit 32sts along first square, 7 stitches along bottom, 32 along 2nd square. Next row you will increase by knitting into the front and back of every other stitch (Note: do not increase on the bottom of bag (the solid color). You will end up with approximately 100 stitches. Knit 4 more rows and do a 3 needle bind off by folding the bag in half (right sides together) and using the circular needles you have on there. Note: because you are folding your circular needle in half to do this, make sure you have your stitches divided evenly on each side for the bind off.

Repeat this process for the other side of bag.

Top of bag

Your bag is now all put together and you will need to pick up and knit the top of bag in the round. Pick up and knit 32 on front square, 7 one side, 32 on back square, and 7 on the other side. You will have 78 stitches on your needles.

Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row for 4 rows.

Picot edge bind off

Bind off 2 stitches, slip stitch back onto left needle; Now *cast on 2 stitches by using the knitted cast on method. Now bind off 2 stitches by knitting in the front loop of the first stitch and in the back of the next 2 stitches, (picot made). Now bind of 3 more stitches, slip stitch back onto left needle and repeat * to *.

Weave in all loose ends.

I-Cords

Knit 2- 5 stitch I-Cords 36" long.

With size 11 circular or double point needles, cast on 5 stitches for I-cord handle.

Knit, don't turn.

Slip the stitches back to the beginning of the needle and k the row again.

Continue in this manner until you have a short length of knitting, pull down on the cord and the gap at the back will close.

Continue until the cord is the length you desire.

Sew each handle along the top edge of bag measuring about 3-4 inches in on both sides. I used darning needle and matching yarn to do this. You will do this before you felt the bag.



This is before felting.

Put purse in laundry bag and wash with old jeans or towels. Wash on Hot/cold cycle. I add some detergent when I wash it. Check bag often, some yarns felt so quickly you cannot walk away from the machine.

When your bag reaches the desired size, squeeze most of the water out without twisting bag. Lay bag flat on top of bath towel, lay another towel on top and roll it up. At this point I step on the roll to get all the water out. You may have your own method but this works well for me.

I then place a dryer sheet on inside and lay flat to dry.

Add your handles and embellish to your heart's content!

