

Sue Schaefer's Noro Kureyon Bag



Just a few notes before I begin. First off, I made this bag with Noro Kureyon Yarn, color number 139. If I make another one of these bags using this yarn, I will use two strands either of the same Kureyon or I will mix the Kureyon with another felting yarn. The next thing I wanted you all to know about is the flower. The day I made this bag, I made 2 different flowers and then felted them. I thought this was the freebie, but after going back and looking at the patterns, I was wrong. The pattern that I used for the felted flower and leaf is from a book called *Knitting Over the Edge* by Nicky Epstein. Ok, I think that's it, now for the pattern:

12" long, 10" tall (not including handle), 3 1/2" wide
2 skeins of Noro Kureyon 100% wool (see note above)
Size 11 circular, 29"

KNITTING TERMS:

CO: cast on

K2tog: knit 2 stitches together knit wise

K2togtbl: knit 2 stitches together through back loop

BO: bind off

BASE:

Cast on 40 stitches.

Rows 1 - 20: knit.

Pick up 10 stitches on the short side of the rectangle that you just made. Place marker.

Pick up 40 stitches along the cast on row. Place marker. Pick up 10 stitches on the next

short side of rectangle. Place marker. Knit 40 stitches. Place row identifying marker (I use a different color or a different kind of marker so I know when a new row is started).

Total of 100 stitches on needle.

BAG BODY

Rows 1 - 25: knit.

Row 26: (Decrease row) Knit to marker. Slip marker. K2tog. Knit to last 2 stitches before

next marker. K2togtbl. Slip marker. Knit to marker. Slip marker. K2tog. Knit to last 2 stitches before next marker. K2togtbl. Slip marker. Knit. Total of 96 stitches.

Rows 27 - 31: Knit.

Row 32: Repeat decrease row. Total of 92 stitches.

Rows 33 - 37: Knit.

Row 38: Repeat decrease row. Total of 88 stitches.

Rows 39 - 43: Knit.

Row 44: Repeat decrease row. Total of 84 stitches

Rows 45 - 49: Knit.

Row 50: Repeat decrease row. Total of 80 stitches

Rows 51 - 55: Knit.

Row 56: (Handle row 1) Knit 15, BO 10, Knit 15, repeat.

Row 57: (Handle row 2) Knit 15, CO 15, Knit 15, repeat. Total of 90 stitches.

Rows 58 - 62: Knit

Row 63: BO all stitches.

FELT IT

I used a white net zippered lingerie bag that I got at the Dollar Store.

-Put the purse in the bag and zip.

-Wash using the hottest setting on your washer. I set the washer on medium.

-I usually add 1 cup baking soda and some liquid castille soap.

- I stay close to the washer and start checking for felting (by stopping the machine and carefully lifting the bag out of the water. BE VERY CAREFUL THE WATER IS HOT!) about 6-8 minutes after the agitation starts.

-When the purse has gotten to the size that I want. I take it out of the machine. Pressing gently to get any excess water out. But I do NOT wring or twist it in any way.

-I then shape the bag using balled up plastic bags.

TO FINISH BAG:

Sew flower and leaf to bag at the place where you desire.

Please let me know if there are problems. Enjoy!

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