



Essentials Pouch

A LoomKnit.com Pattern

A small purse to carry all your essentials: cell phone and essentials for an outing. Add an i-cord or strap and you can have a little girl's purse.



Materials

150 yards of worsted weight wool-Wool of the Andes from Knit Picks was used in the sample

1 Large Gauge Loom with either 32 pegs or 31. The 32 Peg from Décor Accents, Inc. loom was used in sample.

1 magnetic snap for closure

2 pieces of ribbon about an inch long (for attaching magnetic snap).

Notions:

Scissors

Large eye needle

Dimensions:

Before felting: 8" x 6 ½"

After felting: 6" x 5" x 1"

The measurements may vary based on the amount of felting. In loom knitting, shrinkage occurs more lengthwise.

Blocking the item when wet will give your pouch its form and define its shape.

*Use the small squares to check off after each step is completed.

Knitting the Pouch

- Working in the round and using the e-wrap method and 2 strands of yarn as one, cast on all the 32 (31) pegs.
- Work 10 rows in stockinette stitch (knit every row).
- Purl rows 11-30.
- Bind off pegs 16-32. (If using one with 31 pegs, bind off pegs 16-31)

At this point, we will knit a flat panel on the remaining pegs.

- Next row: Knit pegs 1-15
- Next row: Knit pegs 15-1
- Next row: Knit pegs 1-15
- Decrease 1 stitch at each end. (By moving the loop from peg 15 to peg 14, moving loop from peg 1 to peg 2.)
- Next row: Knit pegs 2-14
- Next row: Knit pegs 14-2
- Next row: Knit pegs 2-14
- Decrease 1 stitch at each end
- Next row: Knit pegs 3-13.
- Next row: Knit pegs 13-3
- Next row: Knit pegs 3-13.
- Decrease 1 stitch at each end.
- Next row: Knit pegs 4-12.
- Next row: Knit pegs 12-4
- Next row: Knit pegs 4-12
- Decrease 1 stitch at each end.
- Next row: Knit pegs 5-11.
- Next row: Knit pegs 11-5
- Next row: Knit pegs 5-11

Remove item with basic removal method.

Seam the bottom of the bag with large eye needle and the same color yarn used in the body of the bag.

Felting and Drying Instructions: Felt as per felting page instructions.

When bag is dry. Attach the magnetic snaps to the pieces of ribbon. 1 for the back of the magnetic snap, one for the front of the magnetic snap. Find the placement for the magnetic snap on the flap of the pouch and the body of the pouch. Sew the ribbons in place (they should already have the magnetic snaps attached to them).

Ready to use.

Felting Instructions

Items needed to felt:

Zippered Pillow Case

Eucalan Woolwash* (recommended) or Liquid Dishwashing soap

Two pairs of jeans

Caution! Turn the washer machine off before reaching into it.

Set the washer to the smallest setting and use HOT water. Set it to the longest cycle. Add one tablespoon of Eucalan woolwash. You can also use one tablespoon of dishwashing liquid soap, like Joy or Ivory. However, using the Eucalan will save you the rinsing of the item by hand.

Place the items to be felted in the zippered pillow case. Close it. Throw it in the washer. Put in the two pairs of jeans to aid in agitation. I do not recommend putting towels in, as these may leave fuzz in your felted items. Start the washer. Check the felted items after 10 minutes; straighten the straps (if applicable). **Stop the machine completely before placing your hand inside.** If additional felting is required, reset the washer and continue felting the bag. Check the progress closely. Item is felted, when it feels firm and the stitches are indistinguishable. Keep felting the bag until you are completely satisfied. It may take a few cycles.

When desired results have been achieved, turn the setting on the washer to delicate and spin out the water. After the spin cycle, remove your felted items from the pillow case.

Blocking—the Finishing Touches

Stretch your damp pouch/bag over a suitable sized form. If nothing that resembles the shape is available, use a plastic bag and place plastic bags inside to give it its form. The felted item should fit over the fitted form snugly. Shape all the corners, flap, and straps (if applicable). Make sure that everything looks the way you want it to look. Feel free to pull at it. Do not let it dry until you are completely satisfied with the way it looks. Once it looks the way you desire. Let it dry completely **away** from sunlight and from any heating vents. It may take up to 2 full days to dry completely. Keep shaping it during the drying process if you so desire.