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Salta



Skill Level

Beginner / Easy

Gauge

6.5 stitches = 4 inches in pattern with 12 mm (US 15) size needles or size needed to achieve gauge

Materials

5 Skeins Americo Copito (100% Wool) 100 g / 43 yards (40 m)
12mm (US 17) size straight and 24-inch (60 cm) circular needles
Yarn Needle
1 *Cannes* Handle Set - 2 leather / nylon pieces

Measurements

Approximate Values	Pre-felting	Post-felting
Length	20 inches (50 cm)	16 inches (40 cm)
Width	22 inches (55 cm)	18 inches (45 cm)

Instructions

With 12 mm (US 17) size straight needles cast on 35 stitches.
Knit every row for 20 inches (50 cm).
Cast off.

Finishing

Fold the bag in half from cast-on edge to cast-off edge and sew the side seams. Along the bag opening, pick up and purl 48 stitches with 12 mm (US 17) circular needles. Purl 6 inches (15 cm). Cast off.

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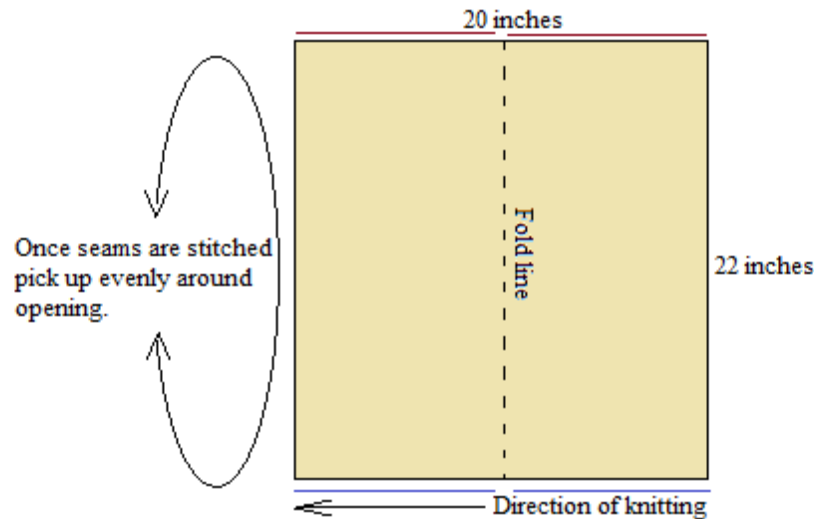
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Schematics



Felting Instructions

Put pieces in top-loading washing machine. You do not need to add soap or detergent. Using low water level, run a cold cycle for 15 minutes. Put in a pair of jeans (in non-interfering colour) for extra agitation. After one cycle, check for size. Repeat as necessary. Run through the rinse and dry spin cycle. Lay felted piece onto a dry towel, away from direct heat or sunlight. Shape piece to correct measurements. Allow to dry thoroughly. Do not use a clothes dryer. If an edge ripples, baste a thread through the edge and gather in. Remove the thread after the felting is dry.

Note: All washing machines will felt at different rates. It is always best to try felting a small swatch just to see how your machine will work. If it does not felt enough try putting it through twice. Front loaders are not generally appropriate for felting, as the cycle cannot be interrupted once started.

Finishing Instructions

Sew the 2 leather /nylon handles in place on either side of the bag. The top of the *Cannes* leather piece will be approximately 1/2 inch from the top of the bag and centred while the bag is laying flat. Sew in loose ends.

Aftercare Instructions

You have spent a lot of time and care completing these items through their knitting/crocheting and felting stages. A little thought to its aftercare will ensure that you will have these beautiful felted items for many years to come. After you have subjected your item to the felting process, you may think that it has gone through the most vigorous and tortured wash that yarn could ever endure. Now you assume that you can throw that felted item into the hot wash cycle along with your sheets. *Do not do it!* Treat your newly felted item with caution and care in order to avoid further distortion or shrinkage.

Felting handmade items can always be improved with brushing if desired.

Even a slight pressing will give a smoother appearance to felted fabric. Always press lightly using a steam iron and a damp cloth. Never press down on the fabric but hold the iron just above the fabric.

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