



#604 Funky Hobo Felted Bag

Bag size

Before felting: 30"w x 14"h

After felting: bottom edge 20"

top edge after pleating 14"

Materials

Color A: Farmhouse Yarns, Bright Pink, 200 yards

Color B: Farmhouse Yarns, Golden Pear, 200 yards

Color C: Farmhouse Yarns, Lilac, 200 yards

Size N crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge.

Gauge

8 sts and 10 rows over 4 inches.

Body of bag (make 2)

With color A, Ch 72.

Row 1: With color A work 2 sc, *sk 3 ch, 7 dc in next st, sk 3 ch, 3 sc*; repeat from *to* ending with 2 sc.

Row 2: Turn, with color B ch 2, dc4tog, *ch3, 3 sc, ch 3, dc7tog*; repeat from *to* across ending with dc4tog .

Row 3: Turn, ch 2, 4 dc in dc4tog, *sk ch 3, 3 sc, sk ch 3, 7 dc in dc7tog*; repeat from *to* across, ending with 4 dc in dc4tog.

Row 4: Turn, with color C ch 1, 2 sc, *ch 3, dc7tog, ch 3, 3 sc*; repeat from *to* across ending with 2 sc.

Repeat pattern rows 1-4 changing color in the following sequence:

Row 5 color C

Row 6 color A

Row 7 color A

Row 8 color B

Row 9 color B

Row 10 color C

Row 11 color C

Row 12 color A

Row 13 color A

Row 14 color B

Row 15 color B

Row 16 color C

Row 17 color C then finish off.

Handle

With color A ch 162.

Row 1: With color A, work 1 sc in each ch. 161 sts.

Row 2: With color C, ch 1, work 1 sc in each sc.



Row 3: With color B, ch 1, work 1 sc in each sc.
 Row 4: With color B, ch 1, work 1 sc in each sc.
 Fasten off.

Finishing

Lay bag sides together and stitch together on 3 edges leaving fan edges open. Attach handle with seam beginning at the middle of the bottom. Sew 30 handle stitches from the middle of the bottom to the corner. 28 stitches are allocated for the sides, and 45 stitches go across the top for a handle.

Weave in all yarn ends and secure.

Felt!

After felting, shape and allow to dry. Sew second fan to third fan at top edge and stitch down close to the middle. Repeat on other edge, then on other side of bag. Line bag if desired.

A little about Felting

Did you ever shrink a wool sweater by accident? Well, felting is the process of shrinking wool using hot/warm water and agitation.

You will need:

A washing machine with good agitation.

A zippered pillow protector (a lingerie bag is not suitable). It helps protect your washer from excess lint and fiber.

An old pair of jeans or khakis and a few large towels.

Be prepared to be near your washer during felting process. Set washing machine to smallest load setting and hottest water setting. Add a small amount of laundry soap. Place handbag in pillow protector and place in washing machine. Add a pair of jeans or khakis to help in the agitation process.

After 8-10 minutes, check on progress. Check again every 3-5 minutes. Do NOT allow machine to go through rinse/spin cycles. When handbag appears to be the correct size, remove from washer and hand rinse in cold water. Gently squeeze out excess water (do not wring). Wrap handbag in towels to remove as much water as possible. Shape handbag with your hands or stretch handbag over a box to shape. Allow to dry overnight. Note: When bag is removed from washer, remember it needs to be well stretched and molded to achieve the finished dimensions.

Abbreviations

Beg beginning
 Ch chain
 Dc double crochet
 Dc4tog double crochet 4 together
 Dc7tog double crochet 7 together
 Sc single crochet
 Sk skip
 St (s) stitch (s)

How to double crochet seven stitches together: Yarn over, insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop (three loops on hook), yarn over and draw through the first two loops on (two loops on hook), *yarn over and insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through the first two loops (three loops on hook) *, repeat from *to* until eight loops are on the hook. Yarn over and draw through all eight loops. If a dc4tog is required, use same process until you have five loops on the hook, yarn over and draw all five.

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