

# Freedom Felted Bag Pattern



## Information to start.....

**Materials:** 3 balls Twilleys 'Freedom Spirit' (Yarn A)  
1 ball 'Freedom Wool' (Yarn C)  
1 ball Crystal Palace Yarns 'Little Flowers' (Yarn B)  
1 pair 6mm Knitting Needles

**Tension:** 15 sts over 10cm in st-st using 6mm needles

<b>Abbreviations:</b> st-st	stocking stitch	g-st	garter stitch
Ws	wrong side of work	rs	right side of work
P	Purl	K	Knit
Pssso	pass slipped stitch over	Tog	together



## To make the Bag

Using a double strand of Yarn A, cast on 40 sts and work 6 rows in st-st ending with a ws row.

Next row: K10, cast off 20, K10

Next row: P10, turn work and cast on 20 sts, P10. These two rows make the handle.

Work 2 rows in st-st and then 4 rows in reverse st-st, (i.e. P on right side, K on wrong side)

Join Yarn B and work 4 rows in st-st. with both yarns. Cut Yarn B and repeat the 4 rows of reverse st-st pattern.

Now work 30 rows in st-st ( continue until st-st panel measures 15 cm) Joining Yarn B, work 3 rows in reverse st-st.

Work the next row (ws) in purl, casting off 6 sts at the beginning of this and the following row. You will now be working over a narrower section in the middle of the bag.

Change to Yarn C and work 4 cm in g-st. Change back to a double strand of Yarn A and 1 strand of Yarn B. Cast on 6 sts at the beginning of the next two rows. Therefore starting the second side of the bag and back to the original width.

Work 3 rows in reverse st-st using Yarns A & B together. Change back to just Yarn A and work 30 rows in st-st until st-st panel measures 15 cm, ending with a ws row. Work 4 rows in reverse st-st, (i.e. p on right side, k on wrong side).

Join Yarn B and work 4 rows in st-st. with both yarns. Cut Yarn B and repeat the 4 rows of reverse st-st pattern.

Work 2 rows in st-st. On the next row: K10, cast off 20, K10 and then on the following row: P10, turn & cast on 20 sts, P10.

Work 6 rows in st-st and then cast off.

## Flower:

Part 1 – Cast on 20 sts and work in st-st until you have a square, cast off.

## Petals (make three or four)

Cast on 4 sts, work 2 rows in st-st.

Next row: K1, yo, K2, yo, K1. Work 3 rows in st-st. Next row: P1, P2tog, P2tog, P1. K 1 row and then cast off.

## Centre:

Cast on 1 st. Knit into the Front, Back and Front of stitch (3 sts). Work 4 rows in st-st.

Next row: Slip 1 st, K2tog, pssso. Tie cast on and cast off end together to form a 'ball'.

## Making Up:

Sew sides of bag using Mattress Stitch and sew sides to base of bag. Embroider as you wish and felt by placing bag and a pair of jeans (to provide agitation) in a 40° wash. If you want your bag smaller, just felt it again! Remember it will shrink more on the depth than the width. The Felted Bag is quite robust and can be pulled into shape after felting. Dry naturally. This will take a while but is worth it. Hold your breath and wait for the magic to happen. From the felted square, cut out your flower shape, attach petals and centre. Attach beads as required.

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