



Felted by Fulling Bag with YouTube Help Video

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This handbag's felted look is created with a two-part process. First it is made with single crochet stitches using 100% wool yarn. Then it is placed in a washing machine filled with hot water to go through several agitation cycles. This process, known as fulling, literally shrinks the bag and creates a very sturdy, dense, yet extremely fluffy-soft fabric. You can actually cut a button hole in the finished bag and never worry about it unravelling. Check out the how-to video on the Naztazia YouTube channel here: <http://youtube.com/naztazia> And feel free to Pin photos or check out other info at: <http://naztazia.com>

Materials:

400 yds (366 m) 100% wool yarn. Sample uses Kristin Omdahl's "Be So Brave Yarn." Worsted weight, 100% Merino Wool. Each skein is 120 yds/109 m. You will need 1 skein each of the following colors: Cape Cod Bay, Shining Sea, Lincoln Lime, and Picket Fence.
<http://kristinomdahl.com> (Use NAZTAZIA20 for a special discount!)

Size K (6.5 mm) crochet hook. Yarn needle. Scissors. Stitch marker (paper clip). Tape measure.
Button. Purse handles. Optional lining material.

Washing machine. Zippered lingerie washing bag or pillow case. Old, clean towels. Eucalan's No Rinse Wash – Wrapture (also found at Kristin's website).

Size/Gauge

Before the fulling process (minus handles): Width 20"/50.8 cm. Height 12"/30.5 cm
After the fulling process (minus handles): Width 13"/33.0 cm. Height 8"/20.3 cm.

Gauge: 10 SC x 12 rows = 4" square



Terminology:

CH = Chain	PREV = Previous	SC = Single Crochet	SLST = Slip Stitch
ST = Stitch	RND = Round	RPT = Repeat	

Instructions:

Be sure to check out the YouTube tutorial: <http://youtube.com/naztazia>

Body: With Shining Sea (darker blue yarn), slipknot. CH 51.

RND 1: 3 SC in 2nd CH from hook. 1 SC in next 48 CHs. In last CH, 3 SC. Pivot to work on other side of CH. 1 SC in next 48 CHs. Do not SLST.

RND 2: (Begin spiral RNDs) 1 SC on top of first SC from PREV RND. Mark ST. 1 SC around.

RND 3: 1 SC around, always mark first ST.

RNDs 4-9 RPT RND 3. Change to Picket Fence after RND 9.

RNDs 10-14: RPT RND 3. Change to Lincoln Lime after RND 14.

RNDs 15-25: RPT RND 3. Change to Picket Fence after RND 25.

RNDs 26-28: RPT RND 3. Change to Cape Cod Bay after RND 28.

RNDs 29-37: RPT RND 3. Cut and weave in ends.

Flap:

ROW 1: Lay bag flat, front side facing towards you. Measure along top edge to find center of bag. Place ST marker on the back edge. Count 8 STs over (to the right if you are right handed or left if you are left handed). Place slipknot on hook with Shining Sea and make 1 SC in the 8th ST. Make 16 more SCs across. (17 SC total). CH 1 Turn.

ROWS 2-15: 1 SC in each ST across. CH 1 Turn. After the 15th row, cut and weave in ends.

Fulling Process:

Place handbag into either a zippered lingerie washing bag or zippered pillow case. If you don't have either, place bag in a regular pillow case and use yarn to tie and knot the opening shut. Set washing machine to the equivalent settings: Small Load. Normal or Soiled Wash (High Agitation). Hot Wash/Cold Rinse.

Let machine fill with water, then place bag into washing machine. Add Eucalan/Wrapture Wash to the water. Begin agitation/wash cycles. Check on bag every 5 minutes (if possible - some newer washers do not permit this).

My sample bag shrunk after 15 minutes of hot water agitation. You can let the bag go through a cold rinse and spin cycle if you wish, or remove it prior to the spinning. Remove handbag from zippered item and lay flat on old, clean towels. Shape the bag and its flap if necessary by tugging and pulling into an even, rectangular shape. Let dry.

Once fully dry, take scissors and cut/slice a buttonhole in the flap. Sew on button. Sew on purse handles. Sew in optional lining.