

Felted Biggy Print Bag

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For Jimmy Beans Wool (<http://jimmybeanswool.com>)

Finished Measurements: 16x12x4 inches

Materials

- 9 balls of Rowan Biggy Print in color 244 Glum
- 1 ball of Rowan Biggy Print in color 257 Chocolate Chip Brown
- Circular knitting needles, US size 19 32"
- Rowan Wicker Purse Handles

Gauge

- In stockinette stitch, 1.5 stitches = 4" (the gauge is not critical)

Directions

Bottom

- CO 30 sts using 244 Glum.
- Knit 7 ridges of Garter Stitch (basically knit until you are out of the 1st ball).
- Bind off.

Body of Bag

- Using color 244, pick up the stitches along 4 sides of the bottom (you'll probably pick up around 27 on each long side and about 7 on the short sides, but the numbers aren't critical).
- Working in the round, knit every row until you've finished the 9th ball of color 244.
- Using the Chocolate Brown, bind off.

Adornment

- Using the Chocolate Brown and a Darning Needle, create a whipstitch-like edge up each of the 4 vertical corners (you'll basically start each edge at a corner of the bag's bottom).
- Using the Chocolate Brown and a Darning Needle, embroider some fun designs onto the body of the bag.

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Bag Handle Straps

- Using the rest of the Chocolate Brown and the 19 needles, cast on about 20 stitches.
- Knit every row until you almost run out of yarn - maybe about 10-15 rows.
- Bind off.

Finishing

- Sew in all ends.
- Place the completed bag and the bag handle straps into the washing machine.
- I ran the machine on "hot/cold" and "heavy duty" cycles and included a few towels and running shoes in the load.
- I ran the load through the wash cycle twice & then let it go through the rinse cycle... i didn't let it spin!
- Pull the bag out, stuff it with some plastic grocery bags and then let it dry in the sun (of course, i used a hair dryer for a bit, cause i was so anxious!)
- To attach the Wicker Bag Handles, cut 4 vertical pieces out of the felted Chocolate Brown swatch & sew them to the inside of the bag.

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