

Satin Jeans

Designed exclusively for Jimmy Beans Wool

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Materials:

Approximately 700 yards heavy worsted weight yarn

US 10 36" circular needle, or size to get gauge

1 US 10 24" circular needle

Stitch markers

Tapestry needle

Satin ribbon approximately 36 inches long, you choose the width

Sharp scissors

1 set Grayson E Beaded Handles Xlarge

Rubber band

Pillow case

Sample shown in Berroco Peruvia Colors

Pre felted measurements Approximately 29 X 19 ½

Felted measurements Approximately 25 X 18

**These measurements are approximate, different brands of yarn felt differently, so take the time to knit a swatch and adjust the knitted measurements accordingly, see notes.

Gauge

Approximately 3 ½ sts to the inch in St st. Knit a 4 inch square swatch in St st, take time to check gauge, see notes.

NOTES:

Bag is shaped after it is knit.

Check your yarns felting properties by laying your swatch on a sheet of paper (before felting) and tracing around it, then felt it until you get the desired fabric density. Now lay your swatch (dry or damp is fine) inside the square, lined up in one corner and draw around the 2 sides inside the original square. This will show you approximately the percentage of shrinkage.



Abbreviations:

St st Stockinette stitch

CO cast on

PM place marker

RND round

CO 244 sts on longer needle, or number needed to get the felted dimensions, based on your felted swatch, PM, join in the round

RND 1 knit

RND 2 purl

Repeat until piece measures 1 inch

Knit in St st until piece measures 29 inches from CO edge (you can adjust the knitted size based on your felted gauge swatch), on last RND work ½ of your stitches onto extra circular needle, then use the first circular needle for the second ½, leave a tail twice as long as the width of the bag for grafting.

Close with Kitchener stitch, as follows:

Thread your tail onto your tapestry needle and needles together, with the wrong sides of your work facing each other. Your tail should be coming from the back needle and then proceed:

1. Slide your tapestry needle through the first stitch on the front needle as if to knit. Pull the yarn through and drop that stitch off of the needle.
2. Now pass your tapestry needle through the next stitch on the front needle as if to purl and pull the yarn through DON'T drop this stitch off of the needle.
3. Now pass the tapestry needle through the first stitch on the back needle as if to purl and drop that stitch off of the needle, pulling the yarn through snugly.
4. Now pass your tapestry needle through the second stitch on the back needle as if to knit, DON'T drop this stitch off of the needle.

Repeat steps 1-4 working all of the stitches consistently and then pull the yarn through to the wrong side and weave in all loose ends.

Shaping:



Lay your bag out flat and measure width (if it is not exactly 29 inches that's alright, everything will work out in the wash)

To make faux ruffles, mark your bag with pins starting at both outside edges and work your way across (see image 1) Sample was marked at 2 1/8 inches on both edges and then 4 inches evenly spaced across, adjust according to your bags measurements. Using your tapestry needle and a piece of yarn about 3-4" long, weave the yarn in and out from one pin to the other, gather ruffle and tie snugly with a square knot, trim ends to 1". To work side ruffles fold side out (see image 2), mark 4 inches from pin, and weave ruffle as noted above (see image 3).

Felting:

Put your bag in a large pillow case, close with a rubber band (I like to take this opportunity to wash my blue jeans, as they help with the agitation needed during the felting process), add some detergent, use the hottest water setting, run the wash and rinse cycle, but DO NOT let the spin cycle complete. Let the washer spin just enough to get the majority of the water out. You will want to check your bag throughout this process to see the shrinkage results. The sample required 4 washes to felt to the desired size. NOTE yarns felt differently, take time to do a swatch.

Ribbon loops are cut after felting, as follows:

Measure 3" from top of bag and mark center of bag, measure 1 1/2 inches from center pin on both sides and 3" from top, mark with pins, measure 1 inch from those 2 pins and mark (remember your 3" from top). Mark 1/2 of the chosen width of loops from both ends (if your loops are to be 4" across, you will mark 2"), finish marking the loops from outside edges of bag to center, this is the front of your bag. Lay your ribbon across the bag, snugly touching the pins, don't let it buckle and pin straight below your top row of pins (see image 4), remove ribbon, cut loops carefully from one pin to the other. Cut shallow loops, as you can always cut a bit more once you have woven your ribbon thru the loops. Remove pins and turn bag over, repeat process with the following exception, mark from the edge of your bag (if you marked 2" on front edge you will do the same here) continue evenly spaced across your bag. Don't forget to allow for your 3" above your loops, cut loops, weave in ribbon, gather as you like and tie a bow.

Lining:

The sample was lined using recycled blue jeans and utilizing the pockets as interior pockets. To choose the correct pair of jeans for the dimensions of your felted bag (once it is dry) take it with you to your favorite thrift, store (or your husbands dresser) and hold the jeans up to your bag and choose a pair with a waist size that is slightly smaller than the width of your bag.



Pre wash your jeans and iron, then pin the waist band with top edges together and lay on top of your bag, about $\frac{3}{4}$ " below top edge. Note the length you will need to reach the bottom of your bag and pin across the jeans (this edge should fall just above the inseam of the jeans) Cut the legs off, leaving a $\frac{3}{4}$ " edge, sew across this edge (you may want to fold the inseam over slightly to create a more finished bottom), put your lining into your bag, making sure it is all the way to the bottom, and pin it securely at the top edges, leaving your $\frac{3}{4}$ " edge. Sew securely around this edge. Attach your handles securely (I find dental floss works well with yarn over the top to hide it) you are done, enjoy!