

VERY SIMPLE PURSE

Black Hills 100% Corilana aran weight wool



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Knitting Needs:

Approx 50g Black Hills **Black Hills Corilana aran weight dye free natural coloured 100% wool** in single colour or

Approx 2 x 25g balls **Black Hills Corilana aran weight dye free natural coloured 100% wool** in two colours

Colour A : Colour B

(Yarn amounts given are approximate and are based on average requirements.)

A button for embellishing : 1 large popper for fastening

To Provide

1 pair 5.50mm knitting needles : Wool needles to sew seams and attach buttons to bag

Sewing needle to attach popper to purse.

Experience Level



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easy

INSTRUCTIONS – Plain Purse

Cut three lengths of wool approx 45 cm long.

Using the 5.5mm knitting needles and Black Hills 100% wool, cast on 18sts. Knit 80 rows (garter stitch). Place a marker (or safety pin) at each end of the last row. Knit 25 more rows then cast off all stitches loosely.

FINISHING

Fold the cast on edge upwards until it reaches the two markers. Sew the side seams using a slipstitch.

To make the handle, pass the 3 cut lengths of yarn through a stitch near the left hand marker, fold in half and knot together. Divide the 6 lengths now hanging down into 3 groups of 2 and plait together.

Knot the end, leaving enough yarn to neatly finish off. The plait will be approx 35cm long. Sew the knotted end to the start of the plait and, one by one, weave the loose ends of yarn into the inside of the bag, along the side seam if possible.

Remove the markers.

Finish off all other ends of yarn by weaving into the work, *before felting.*

FELTING

Felt your purse in the washing machine by placing the knitted purse in a zippered mesh bag or pillowcase in your machine, with a couple of towels or pairs of jeans to give the necessary agitation. Add a small amount of washing powder (non biological), but no fabric conditioner. For the photographed purses, I used 2 washes on a 60° cycle. A low level spin, if an available option on your washing machine reduces the risk of crumpling your purse. Check and pull into shape between each wash.

When felted to the desired level, remove from your washing machine, pull into shape, fold over the flap and leave somewhere warm to dry out completely.

DECORATION & FASTENING

Sew the button on the front flap of your purse. Sew one half of the poppers, one each side of the underside of the flap at the finished edge and then on the body of the purse to give a secure closing. Make sure that the stitches aren't visible on the outside of the flap.

INSTRUCTIONS – Striped Purse

Follow the instructions for the plain purse but knit

Colour A 20 rows

Colour B 20 rows

Colour A 20 rows

Colour B 20 rows

Place row markers or safety pins at each end of last row.

Then knit 12 rows in colour A and 13 rows in colour B.

Complete the purse as per instructions.

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