

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

**Yarn:** 400 yards Chunky Yarn (MC)  
 250 yards Chunky Yarn (CC)

**Needles:** 16"-24" US 17 needles and US 15 double pointed needles.

**Gauge to Achieve Similar Size:** 2¼ stitches/inch, 3 rows/inch in slip stitch pattern. (Final size will vary depending yarn, felting process and hot water temperature.)

**Approximate Final Size:** ~11" w, ~7" h and ~4" across the bottom. Knitting and felting a swatch in the slip stitch for your selected yarn is recommended.

### Abbreviations:

wyib	with yarn in back
wyif	with yarn in front
pssso	pass slipped stitch over
k2T	knit 2 stitches together
M1	make 1 stitch by knitting into the front and back of the stitch
S1	slip 1 stitch



**Boxy Body Side A:** With size 17 needles and two strands of MC, cast on 29 stitches. Knit across row 1. Knit the next 3 rows, increasing on each side of these three rows (k1, M1 by knitting into the front and back of the next stitch, knit across to the last two stitches, M1 by knitting into the front and back of the next stitch, k1), ending with 35 stitches.  
 Row 5: \*K1, S1 wyib\* repeat across, ending with K1.  
 Row 6: Switch to CC. \*K1, S1 wyif\* repeat across, ending with K1.  
 Row 7: Knit across  
 Row 8: Knit across  
 Row 9: \*K1, S1 wyib\* repeat across, ending with K1.

Row 10: Switch to MC. \*K1, S1 wyif\* repeat across, ending with K1.

Row 11: Knit across

Row 12: Knit across

Repeat rows 5 through 12 until you have seven stripes of MC and seven stripes CC. Final stripe before knitting bottom is with CC.

**Bottom:** Place stitch marker on both sides of the body. With MC, garter stitch for 4 ½ inches, ending on a wrong side row. Place marker on both sides of body. Next row \*K1, S1 wyib\* repeat across, ending with K1.

**Boxy Body Side B:** The first stripe after the bottom needs to be the same color as the stripe completed before you started the bag bottom. If the final stripe before the bottom was CC, then switch to CC and continue with pattern, starting with row 6 from above. Repeat rows 5 through 12 until you have five “stripes” of MC and CC (about 11 inches), ending with MC. Continue with MC. Final three rows: Knit across. Next row, K1 K2tog, knit across the last three stitches, K2tog, K1. Repeat this row. Bind off.

**Side Panels:** With MC, pick 11 stitches up between markers on bag bottom.

Row 1: Knit across

Row 2: Knit across

Row 3: \*K1, S1 wyib\* repeat across, ending with K1.

Row 4: \*K1, S1 wyif\* repeat across, ending with K1.

Repeat rows 1-4 9 times. Now you will begin to taper the sides.

Next row, K, slip, knit, passo, K5, k2T, K (9 stitches).

Next Row: Knit across

Next Row: \*K1, S1 wyib\* repeat across, ending with K1.

Next Row: \*K1, S1 wyif\* repeat across, ending with K1.

Repeat the above 4 four rows, ending with 7 stitches. Bind-off

**I-Cord Strap:** For the strap: Use size 15 double pointed needles, cast on 4 stitches with 2-strands MC. Knit. DO NOT turn work, slide stitches to the other end of the needle and knit the stitches, carrying the yarn across the back to create a tube. Continue until 48 inches long and bind off. Make a second strap.



**Construction** – Match the corner markers on each end of the bottom side and on the wrong side whipstitch the side panels to the bag body. (Repeat on all four corners.)

**Make Slot For Strap:** On the outside of the bag, on the second CC strip from the top of the bag, count five stitches in from each side. Spread the stitches with fingers making a hole to thread the strap through. The strap end will be on the inside of the bag. After slipping the strap through the hole to the inside of the bag, tie a knot in the end of the strap. Thread the other end of the strap through the fifth stitch from the other side. The strap end will be on the inside of the bag. Tie a knot in the end of the strap. Repeat on the other side of the bag.

**Felting:** Place bag in a zippered pillowcase, toss a Shout Colorcatcher\* into the pillowcase. Place pillowcase in the washing machine with heavy items. Add ¼ c. vinegar to each wash cycle, along with some soap. Wash on the hot wash cold rinse cycle. Check after each wash to determine size and change Colorcatcher sheet. May take 3-4 trips through the wash to achieve desired felting.

**Finishing:** Stuff with plastic grocery bags to shape the bag and let dry. Placing a piece of foam core, cut to the size of the finished bag bottom, will provide the bag with more stability. Final size will vary depending on yarn used. We completed the bag with a button embellishment from [www.glasspens.com](http://www.glasspens.com).

**Yarn Notes:** Manos and Lamb's Pride Worsted – One strand of each for MC and CC.

Shout ColorCatcher are only available in the US. Overseas clients should contact us for information on sources of this product.