Oak Bay Felted Tote

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SUPPLIES NEEDED

Yarn: For Portfolio Version (shown here ►)
450 yards worsted weight yarn (MC)
200 yards worsted weight yarn (CC1)
Optional: 100 yds variegated DK yarn (CC2)
For Small Tote Version (shown on page 2)
550 yards worsted weight yarn (MC)
200 yards worsted weight yarn (CC1)
Optional: 100 yds variegated DK yarn (CC2)

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

Other Supplies: Sewing needle and thread, optional: magnetic closure.

Gauge to Achieve Similar Size: 2 ¼ st/inch, 3 rows/inch (Final size will vary depending on yarn, felting process and hot water temperature.)

Approximate Final Size: For Portfolio Version: Height – 9 ½", width – 15". For Small Tote Version: Height – 13", width – 12". Knitting and felting a swatch for your yarn is recommended.

Oak Bay Portfolio Felted Tote

Bag Bottom and Body: For Portfolio Version, cast on 92 stitches on size 17 needles with 2 strands of MC. For Small Tote Version, cast on 72 stitches on size 17 needles with 2 strands of MC. For both, join in the round (rnd), take care not to twist, place marker. For Portfolio Version, knit in the round for 16 inches. For Small Tote Version, knit in the round for 18 inches. For both, next rnd, purl around. Next rnd, knit around and then bind-off using three-needle bind-off.

Front and Back Pockets: (Same instructions for both styles.) Cast on 24 stitches with 2 strands CC1 and 1 strand CC2 (optional). Knit in stockinette for 6 inches (end with a wrong side (purl) row). Next row, purl, next row knit, bind-off.

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I-Cord Strap: (Same instructions for both styles.) With the right side of a pocket facing you, count three stitches in from the right and using size 15 double pointed needles, pick-up 4 stitches along the bind-off row (with 2 strands CC1 & 1 strand CC2). Row 1: Purl. Row 2: Knit. Row 3, Purl. Row 4: Knit. You will now start to create the I-cord. 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 32 inches long. (Turn work) Next row, purl. Next row, knit. Next row purl. Count three stitches in from the left side of pocket and use the Kitchener Stitch to join the stitches on the double pointed needles to the 4 stitches just below the bind-off row. Take care the strap is not twisted when you join it to the pocket. Repeat for second pocket. Work in all ends on bag, pocket and straps.

Felting: (Same instructions for both styles.) Place bag and pocket fronts into separate zippered pillowcases, toss a Shout Colorcatcher into each pillowcase. Place pillowcases 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. Sizes will vary depending upon yarn, number of cycles through washing machine and water temperature. Our bag models are washed in hot water which is 130 degrees.

Finishing: (Same instructions for both styles.) Shape bag and pockets into desired shape and dry flat. Make sure the straps are not twisted.

Attaching the Pocket: (Same instructions for both styles.) Position pockets so they are centered on each side of the bag, about ½ inch below the top edge. Pin into place and sew to the bag.

Yarn Used: Lamb's Pride worsted (body – small tote style) and Classic Elite Inca Print (both pocket/straps), and Lopi Letti (body – portfolio style).

Bag Name: Oak Bay is a neighborhood in Victoria, B.C. and the yarns used for the Oak Bay totes in the photographs were purchased there.

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

Oak Bay Small Felted Tote

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