

# Knitted then Felted Bag

width (approx) 27 cm  
height (approx excluding handles): 16 cm  
requires 3 (50g balls)  Panda Woolbale

plus 2 **sets** of **double pointed** 4.00mm knitting needles (5 required);  
a **circular** 4.00mm knitting needle;  
4.00mm crochet hook;  
wool needle for sewing in ends.

tension 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm over stocking st, using 4.00mm needles.

## bag (beg at base)

Using five, 4.00mm **double pointed** needles, cast on 2 sts each onto 4 needles ... 8 sts.

Working in rounds not rows proceed as follows -

**1st Round:** \* Inc in first st on needle, K1, rep from \* to end ... 12 sts.

**2nd Round:** \* Inc in first st on needle, K2, rep from \* to end ... 16 sts.

**3rd Round:** \* Inc in first st on needle, K3, rep from \* to end ... 20 sts.

**4th Round:** \* Inc in first st on needle, K4, rep from \* to end ... 24 sts.

**5th Round:** \* Inc in first st on needle, K5, rep from \* to end ... 28 sts.

**6th Round:** \* Inc in first st on needle, K6, rep from \* to end ... 32 sts.

Cont inc in first st on each needle until there are 136 sts.

Tie a marker in this round.

Change to **circular** needle and continue in stocking st, (every row knit) until work measures 24cm from marker.

### Work handles:

**Next Round:** K31, cast off next 37 sts, K31 (incl stitch on right hand needle after cast off), cast off next 37 sts.

**Next Round:** K31, **turn**, cast on 37 sts, **turn**, K31, **turn**, cast on 37 sts, **turn** ... 136 sts.

Knit 6 rounds.

Cast off loosely.

## handle bands

Using 4.00mm crochet hook, work 1 round crab st around top and handle openings.

## to make up

Sew in ends. Felt. When drying, place plate in base of bag to keep flat.



## abbreviations

**beg** = begin/ning;  
**cm** = centimetres;  
**cont** = continue;  
**dc** = double crochet;  
**fol** = follows,  
following;  
**inc** = increase,  
increasing;

**incl** = inclusive,  
including;  
**K** = knit;  
**rep** = repeat;  
**st/s** = stitch/es;  
**stocking st** = knit  
right side rows, purl  
wrong side rows.

**Crab St** = work as for dc but working from left to right instead of right to left so that sts are worked backwards.

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# How to Felt Knitting

## Felting by hand

1. Gather together the things you will need to do your felting:

- a bowl
- piece of knitting (knitted in Panda Woolbale). Felt knits when completed.
- laundry soap
- rubber gloves.



**Woolbale is Panda's only untreated wool that is suitable for felting. Some colours felt faster than others. The process of felting causes shrinkage.**

2. Wearing the rubber gloves, put the knitting into the bowl and add enough hot water to cover the knitting. Let it sit for a few minutes.



3. Add enough cold water so you can put your hands in the water (it still needs to be very warm). Rub soap into the knitting.



4. Bunch the knitting in your hands and rub it against itself, creating friction. Keep moving the knitting around, ensuring you cover the entire area. Occasionally dunk the knitting in the water.

Do this for about 5 minutes.

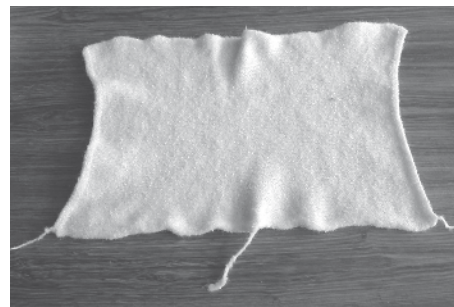


5. Rinse the knitting in cold water. (This helps lock the fibres in place.) Repeat the entire process twice more, then check how well your knitting has felted. If you can still see the stitches, repeat the entire process again.



Felted knitting can be:

- cut without the stitches unravelling
- brushed with a slicker brush to create a fluffy surface.



## Felting in a Machine



**Suitable for front and top loading machines:**

1. Set washing machine:

- low water level
- hot wash
- cold rinse.

2. Add piece of knitting (knitted in Panda Woolbale), and extra fabric (e.g. towel or old pair of jeans) to help create friction.

3. Add soap or detergent.

4. Run normal wash cycle.

5. Check how well your knitting has felted. If you can still clearly see the stitches, repeat steps 3 & 4.