

MAGICAL MOEBIUS NEEDLE QUIVER

A CAT BORDHI DESIGN

*This Moebius-brimmed bag is worn Robin Hood-style like an arrow quiver, holding your needles at the ready should you suddenly want to knit while traipsing through the forest! Each pair of needles is tucked into a Spiral Felted Needle Cozy, (you'll find the Cozy patterns in *A Second Treasury of Magical Knitting*). The Quiver can also carry a small knitting project or your lunch. And when you're not wearing it, it sits enchantingly on a bookshelf or table, with its Moebius strap coiled by its side.*

Note: You will need the basic Moebius-knitting instructions found in either *A Treasury of Magical Knitting (TMK)* or *A Second Treasury of Magical Knitting (2ndTMK)* in order to knit a Moebius Needle Quiver. Follow instructions for the Moebius Cast-On (MCO), paying careful attention to directions for counting MCO stitches and working the first round.

Yarn: Worsted to heavy worsted weight wool, wool/mohair, or wool/llama blend, 800-900 yards. You will knit with a double strand to achieve the thick, firm felt. Half my yarn was a handpaint and the other half a forest green; together they produced the muted felt you see in the photo. You may use any combination of yarns that will felt *and* give you the required gauge. The knitted fabric must be loose enough to see air through the stitches. If it is tight it will not felt very much.

Needles: You may require a different size to get correct gauge) size 13 (9 mm) circular, length 47" - 60", also 24" length (or a Denise Needle Kit with a longer cable)

Notions: tapestry needle, stitch markers, sewing thread (in a color to match the yarn) and sewing needle

Gauge: (before felting, and this should be loose enough to see air through the sts) 11 sts = 4" (10 cm)



Finished size: Before felting, rim is 2.5" wide, quiver 36" around, 14" from rim to bottom edge, strap 60" around. After felting, quiver is 9" tall and 23" around, strap 52" around. To make strap longer or shorter, add or subtract 7 MCO sts for every 2" you wish to increase or decrease in length.

Stitch Guide: Knit with 2 strands of yarn held together throughout. See final page of either *Treasury of Magical Knitting* for abbreviations.

Begin with Moebius rim of quiver (strap will be knit separately later)

With longer needle, MCO 100. Place marker. *Knit 1 round, p 1 round, repeat from * twice. Bind off all

edge sts with applied I-cord (see pages 28-29 in *TMK* or pages 110 - 111 in *2ndTMK* for applied I-cord), graft or sew ends together, and weave in yarn ends.

Knit downward to form side of quiver

With 24" needle, pick up 100 sts directly beneath I-cord edge, 1 st for each I-cord st above. This will bring you halfway around the continuous edge of the rim, allowing the 2 needle tips to join so you can knit in the round, while the half-twist of the Moebius rim hangs beneath the stitches on your needle (see page 60 in *TMK* or page 108 in *2ndTMK*). Place marker and k until quiver is 14" long from top of rim to needles. On next round, *k23, k2tog, repeat from *. (96 sts)

Base of quiver

*(When you have too few sts on the 24" needle to manage, shift half the sts to the other needle and knit with two circular needles - see page 60 in *TMK* or page 109 in *2nd TMK* for knitting with 2 circular needles.)*

*Knit 6, k2tog, repeat from *. (84 sts) Knit 3 rounds.
*Knit 5, k2tog, repeat from *. (72 sts) Knit 2 rounds.
*Knit 4, k2tog, repeat from *. (60 sts) Knit 2 rounds.
*Knit 3, k2tog, repeat from *. (48 sts) Knit 2 rounds. *Knit 2, k2tog, repeat from *. (36 sts) Knit 2 rounds. *Knit 1, k2tog, repeat from *. (24 sts) Knit 1 round. Knit 2 tog all the way around. (12 sts) Knit 1 round. Knit 2 tog all the way around. (6 sts) Cut tail and use tapestry needle to thread end through the 6 sts, pull tight and secure. Weave in all ends, and set quiver aside while you make the strap separately.

Strap

With longer needle, MCO 165. Place marker. *Knit 1 round, p 1 round, repeat from * 3 times. Bind off all edge sts with applied I-cord (see pages 28-29 in *TMK* or pages 110 - 111 in *2nd TMK* for applied I-cord), graft or sew ends together, and weave in yarn ends.

Felting

Felt the quiver and strap (you will sew the strap to the quiver after both pieces dry) according to general instructions on page 37 in *TMK* or pages 16-19 in *2nd TMK*. Let the quiver and strap agitate until they are the desired thickness and size. To check the strap for correct amount of felting, try it on as shown in the photo, holding the bottom 10" or so flat where the quiver will sit in the strap. (You probably need a helper to do this . . .)



When the strap fits, blot out excess water. If it has become too small, stretch it before allowing it to dry. Remove the quiver from the washing machine when it more or less matches the measurements given at the start of this pattern. Blot dry, then pat and pull it into shape. Stuff the inside of the quiver with a rolled up towel to hold the shape while it dries, unless it stands up by itself, which it may.

Sewing strap to quiver

When both pieces are dry, use the sewing thread and needle to sew the strap to the quiver as shown. It is best to have someone help you try it on and then pin the strap to the quiver.

In this way you'll find out how to seat the quiver in the strap so it is properly balanced. You'll find that the sewing thread sinks deep into the felt and disappears, so use plenty of stitches to sew the strap securely, especially where the strap meets the top of the quiver, since these are stress points. Now you can load up your Felted Needle Cozies and set off into the forest!

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