

Crystal Palace Yarns (bg 033)

Felted Sea Anemone Bag

Designed, knit and felted by Terry L. Ross for Crystal Palace Yarns



Materials

1 50 gr ball Crystal Palace [Fjord](#) #9523 "Scuba" (Color A)
One 50 gr ball CPY Fjord #4889 "Teal Lake" (Color B)
One CPY Bamboo or Daisy 16" Circular Needle US size 11 (8.0mm)
One set CPY Bamboo double point U.S. size 11 needles
Two CPY Bamboo double point needles U.S. size #7 (4.5 mm) (for front trim)
One crochet hook size L (8.0 mm)
Stitch marker, Darning needle
Feltable wool remnants for trim
Button or bead for center front (optional)

Abbreviations

BO – Bind off; CO – Cast on; K Knit; P Purl; PM - Place Marker; M1 - Make 1; K2tog - Knit 2 stitches together; SC - Single crochet; st(s) – stitch(es); RS - Right side; WS - Wrong side, St st – stockinette stitch; cont – continue, dec – decrease; rep - repeat

Gauge 3½ stitches per inch in St st

Finished size 12" diameter and 2¾" gusset depth before felting; 7½" diameter and 1½" gusset depth after felting

Techniques This purse is knit in one piece, starting with the front, then the sides, and finally the back. The front involves working in the round and increasing. To work the sides, some of the front sts are bound off, and then worked back-and-forth. For the back, sts are cast on and worked in the round, decreasing to the center of the back. To finish, a SC trim is applied. The handle is made by picking up sts, knitting an I-cord, and then seaming the handle to the opposite side.

Front With Color A, CO 8 sts using either Magic Loop method⁺, 2-Circular Needle method⁺, or evenly distribute sts over 3-4 double point needles, using the fourth-fifth as the working needle. *Even numbered rounds will be the increase rounds.* Leave a tail long enough to weave through the center front hole to draw it up before felting.

Rnd 1: PM, join to work in the rnd, and knit all 8 sts

Rnd 2: *K1, M1* (16 sts)

Rnd 3 (and all odd numbered rnds): Knit

Rnd 4: *K2, M1* (24 sts)

Rnd 6: *K3, M1* (32 sts)

Rnd 8: *K4, M1* (40 sts)

Rnd 10: *K5, M1* (48 sts)

Rnd 12: *K6, M1* (56 sts)

Rnd 14: *K7, M1* (64 sts)

Rnd 16: *K8, M1* (72 sts)

Rnd 18: *K9, M1* (80 sts)

Rnd 20: *K10, M1* (88 sts)

Rnd 22: *K 11, M1* (96 sts)

Rnd 23: K

Row 1 of side gusset (RS): Continuing around, BO 24 sts, P72, and turn work. Cut Color A, attach Color B and begin knitting flat.

Rows 2-8: K 72 and turn. (K the even rows and purl the odd rows, for a St st gusset.)



Note: The purl bumps created on the RS edges of the gusset will be used as an easy guide for applying the single crochet trim during finishing.

Row 9 - Beginning of back:

Cut Color B, attach Color A. P72, CO 24, PM. (96 sts)

Rnd 1: Cont on in the rnd, join, K96

(Odd rnds will all be knit even; **even rows are dec rows.**)

Rnd 2: *K10, K2tog* (88 sts)

Rnd 4: *K9, K2tog* (80 sts)

Rnd 6: *K8, K2tog* (72 sts)

Rnd 8: *K7, K2tog* (64 sts)

Rnd 10: *K6, K2tog* (56 sts)

Rnd 12: *K5, K2tog* (48 sts)

Rnd 14: *K4, K2tog* (40 sts)

Rnd 16: *K3, K2tog* (32 sts)

Rnd 18: *K2, K2tog* (24 sts)

Rnd 20: *K1, K2tog* (16 sts)

Rnd 22: *K2tog* (8 sts)

Rnd 23: K8. Cut yarn and pull through all 8 sts on the needle, tighten center hole and weave in ends.

Binding Beginning at one of top side edges, attach Color B and with crochet hook Size L, work one SC in each garter ridge purl bump where the gusset edge begins, cont around and across the top of the bag. 96 SC sts. Join to the top of the first SC with a slip st, break yarn, pull tail through last chain and weave in the end. Rep for other side.

Strap With size #11 double point needles, beginning at the top edge of one of one side of the gusset, between the binding, and with RS facing, pick up 6 sts. Work 5 rows of St st, beginning and ending with a WS row. Turn work to RS and begin working I-cord on the six sts on the needle. Work until the I-cord portion measures 20" and then begin working flat in St st for 5 rows, beginning and ending on a RS row. BO all six sts and seam invisibly to the top of the other gusset.

Trim With Size #7 double point needles, with Color B (or your preference of remnant yarn colors) CO 19, and then BO 18, leaving one st on the needle.

Work the following 14 more times – *CO 18, BO 18*.

Switch to another color and work the following 11 times – *CO 14, BO 14*.

Switch to another color and work the following 7 times – *CO 10, BO 10*. On the seventh rep, BO all sts and cut yarn, leaving a 24" tail. Thread a darning needle with the yarn tail and baste through the base of the trim piece. Pull up to gather the pieces into a circle, arranging evenly. Sew the base of the trim piece to secure the arrangement of fringe, and then sew the piece securely to the center of the bag. Optionally, apply a bead or a button to the center of the trim piece. Felt the bag using your preferred method.

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+ **Here are some Web sites about Magic Loop (Turkish) Cast-on or Cast On using 2 circulars:**

http://www.knittinghelp.com/knitting/advanced_techniques/ (good videos)

<http://www.az.com/~andrade/knit/mloop.html>

<http://fluffyknitterdeb.blogspot.com/2005/10/knitting-made-easier-turkish-cast-on.html>

http://www.purlwise.com/2003/12/the_handy_magic.html