

**Cynful Knapsac**  
**Using Cascade 220` Yarn**



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# Cynful Felted Knapsack

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**Materials:** 10-12 skeins of different blending colors of Cascade 220 Wool. Various non-felting novelty yarns to be added and knit in each round.

**Needles:** #13-24" circular needles  
#13 double pointed needles for Strap

**Hardware:** 4-1 ½" Silver Rings  
2-2" Silver Rings  
3-Snap Trigger Lobster Claws

**Grommets:** 12 Silver – Size-¼ inch (Following instructions on packet)

**Note:** Cascade 220 is doubled throughout knitting the knapsack. Working with doubled Cascade 220 adding your novelty yarn as desired throughout knapsack. (Total of 3 yarns worked at once.)

**Starting the Base of Knapsack:** Cast on 46 sts. Knit 33 rows.

**Knitting the Body of Knapsack:** Next row bind off 45 sts loosely leaving last stitch on needle. Pick up 43sts on long side (44sts including stitch on needle) Pick up 16sts on short side. Pick up 44sts on long side. Pick up 16sts on short side. You will have a total of 120sts on circular needle. Place marker. Continue knitting in the round adding different novelty yarns until body is 23 ½ inches high.

**Knitting the Flap:** Cast of 60sts loosely. With the 60sts remaining knit every row until flap measures 17 ½ inches long.

**Knitting the Shoulder Straps:** With double pointed needles cast on 4sts, leaving a tail to work, in garter stitch for 4 rows. Cut and knot yarn. Repeat and place on a separate needle. Put both tabs together, with the 3<sup>rd</sup> needle pick up one stitch from 1<sup>st</sup> needle alternate picking up stitch from 2<sup>nd</sup> needle. Continue alternating picking up stitches, you will have 8sts on 3<sup>rd</sup> needle. Increase 1 stitch. Knit5 yarn forward slip 4 purlwise. Turn. Repeat until strap is 24 inches long including tabs. Decrease 1sts on last row (8sts on needle) To make tab on opposite end, take 3<sup>rd</sup> needle and split 8sts onto 2 needles. Alternating every other stitch as previously done with start of tab. Knit each tab in garter stitch for 4 rows. Bind off leaving a long tail. Make second handle the same way.

**Add Hardware to Strap:** One end of Strap between the tabs insert one 1 ½" Silver Ring whipstitch the ring into place. Opposite end place flat end of Lobster Claw between tabs whipstitch the Lobster Claw into place. Repeat for second handle the same way.

**Strap Holders/Hardware:** Following the same instructions for Shoulder Straps, after making the tabs Knit 4 rows. Bind off. Make 4 strap holders and one ring holder for center of bag. Insert ring between tabs whipstitch together. Follow same step inserting ring to remaining 2 strap hardware holders. Take the shoulder strap with ring attached and place Strap holder tab to opposite end of ring. Whipstitch into place. Follow same step for other Shoulder Strap.

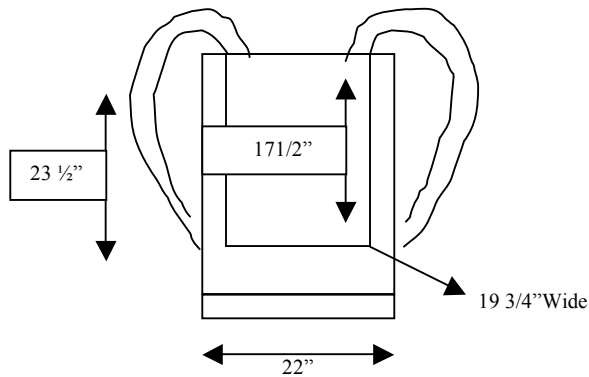
**Placement of Strap Holders/Hardware:** (Working on the Back of Bag) Measure width of bag. Find center where flap meets body of bag. Place tab ringside **up** at start of Flap in center of bag whipstitch into place. Approximately 1" down from start of Flap place tab 5 inches from side of bag ringside **down** whipstitch into place. Do the same for other side. Where the body meets the base of the knapsack, place tab ringside **up** 3 inches from side of bag. Whipstitch into place. Do the same for opposite side. Hook Lobster Claw to ring before felting. See Figure 2 Back View

**I-Cord:** With double pointed needles, cast on 3 or 4 stitches. Knit. Do not Turn work. Slide stitches to opposite end of needle. Knit. Repeat until desired length. Aproximately 40 inches.

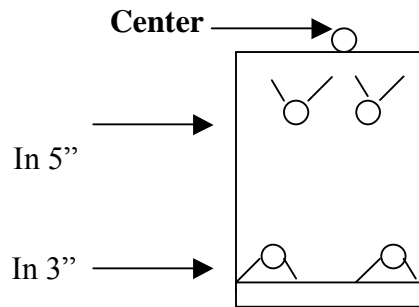
**Felting:** Set the washer to hot water, cold rinse, with low water level. Add a small amount of liquid soap, agitate for approximately 30 minutes or until the stitches disappear. Let dry. You can place over back of chair or use a phone book to help shape while drying.

**Front Flap:** Be creative! Cut a desired shape. Decorate your bag! Use cut scraps to secure 2" Ring to flap. Sew Lobster claw below ring to secure purse closure. Embellish the flap using with jewelry, beads, buttons, felted I-cord. Make it your own! Have Fun!

**Insert Grommets:** Place top edge of grommets approximately 1" below top edge of felted tote and insert according to packet directions. Thread leather string or felted I-cord through grommet holes. Knot Ends.



Before Felting  
Approximate Measurements



Back View  
Figure 2

Note: Hardware can be found at the hardware store.