

# Classic Elite Yarns

## Montera and Bella Felted Backpack

**SIZE:** One size

**Finished Measurements:** Before felting – 16" wide x 8" long x 16" tall; after felting – approx 12" wide x 4" long x 12" tall

### MATERIALS:

**Montera** by **Classic Elite** (50% llama, 50% wool; 100 gram hank = approx 127 yards)

- 3 hanks Color A 3849 Amethyst
- 2 hanks Color B 3888 Magenta

**Bella** by **Classic Elite** (50% polyester, 35% tactel nylon, 15% nylon; 50 gram ball = approx 61 yards)

- 2 balls Color C 7546 Picturesque Purple

### Needles

- One 24" circular needle size US 10 (6 mm)
- Or size to obtain gauge
- Two double pointed needles size US 9 (5.5 mm) for I-cord

**GAUGE:** Before Felting, 14 sts and 20 rows = 4" on Stockinette Stitch (St st). **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**

### PATTERN STITCHES:

**Circular Stockinette Stitch (St st):** Knit every round.

**Garter Stitch (Gtr st):** Knit every row.

**Circular:** Knit 1 round, purl 1 round.

### Stripe Sequence:

Rounds 1 – 6: Using Color A, work in St st.

Rounds 7 – 8: Using Color C, work in Gtr st.

Rounds 9 – 14: Using Color B, work in St st.

Rounds 15 – 16: Using Color C, work in Gtr st.

Rep Rounds 1 – 16 for Stripe Sequence.

**I-Cord:** Using dpn CO 5 sts. \*Knit one row. Without turning the work, slip the sts back to the beginning of the row. Pull the yarn tightly from the end of the row. Rep from \* until piece meas desired length. BO all sts.

### BASE

Using Color A, CO 56 sts; work in Gtr st until piece meas 8" from beg, end WS row.

BO all sts.

### SIDES

Using Color A, pick up and knit 56 sts evenly across one long side of base, 28 sts across one short side of base, 56 sts across long side of base, 28 sts across short side of base, place marker for beginning of round – 168 sts. Work in Stripe Sequence until piece meas approx 16" from beg, end Round 2. Next Round (Eyelet Round): \*Work 10 sts, ssk, yo twice, k2tog; rep from \* around. Next Round: Cont in Stripe Sequence and working k1, p1 in each double yo. Work 2 more rounds, end Round 6. **Change to Gtr st and Color C;** work 2 rounds even. **Change to Color B;** cont in Gtr st and work 4 rounds even. BO all sts.

### STRAPS (make two)

Using Color A, CO 10 sts. All Rows: Work 8 sts in Gtr st, slip 2 sts purlwise one at a time. Work even until piece meas 28" from beg; BO all sts.

### I-CORD

Using double pointed needles and Color B, CO 5 sts; work I-cord until piece meas 48" from beg; BO all sts.

### FINISHING

Thread a piece of cotton yarn through each eyelet. This will make it easier for you to find the eyelets after the Backpack has been Felted. Felt Backpack, I-cord, and straps. See Felting Instructions.



**Felting Instructions:** We recommend you test felt your yarn. Knit a swatch using the same yarn in the same colors shown and test felt it before proceeding with your project. Classic Elite cannot predict the effects of all washing machines, detergents, and local water conditions. You are felting at your own risk. Felting is irreversible. Please proceed cautiously with the felting process. It is easy to felt "just a little more", but impossible to undo the effects of over-felting. Place the Bag in a pillowcase or pillow cover and either zipper it shut or close it with a heavy duty elastic – this will help to prevent clogging your machine with fibers coming off in the washing process. Place the pillowcase in the washer and add a very small amount of detergent (1/4 cap). Set the washer on hot water/cold rinse cycle, minimum size load, and wash garment. Check the felting process every 1-2 minutes depending on your machine, detergent, and local water conditions. If using spin cycle to remove excess water, set on lowest setting – folds caused by the spin cycle are hard to remove. After the Backpack has finished washing, place Backpack on a flat surface, and let air dry. It may take a day or two to dry completely, because of the thickness of the fabric.

Thread I-cord through eyelets, beg and end in center front of Backpack. Pull I-Cord tight to close Backpack. Tie I-Cord in front of bag in a square knot or bow. Sew top ends of straps to Back of Backpack approx 1/4" from two center back eyelets, and lower end of Straps to lower edge of Backpack at corners of Base.

