

Classic Elite Yarns

Renaissance Pear Laptop Bag



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SIZE: One size

Finished Measurements: 14" wide by 12½" tall after felting

MATERIALS:

Renaissance by Classic Elite (100% wool; 50 gram hank = approx 110 yards)

- 4 hanks Main Color (MC) — 7195 Purple Passion
- 1 hank Contrast Color (CC) — 7135 Celery

Needles

- One pair US size 7 (4.5 mm)

Or size to obtain gauge

- Stitch markers

GAUGE: 17 sts and 25 rows = 4" in Stockinette Stitch before felting; 20 sts and 35 rows = 4" in Stockinette Stitch after felting. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**

PATTERN STITCHES:

Stockinette Stitch (St st): Knit on RS, purl on WS.

Pear Panel: (panel of 14 sts)

See chart below.

Intarsia Method:

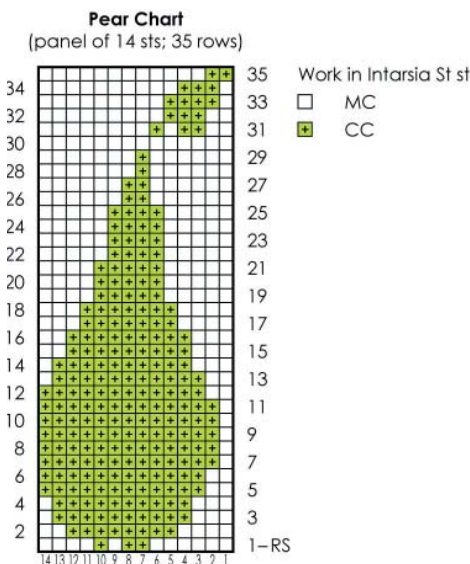
See our online tutorial:

<http://www.classicelityarns.com/WebLetter/Stitches/Intarsia/Intarsia.php>

Long-Tail Cast-On Method:

See our online tutorial:

<http://www.classicelityarns.com/WebLetter/Stitches/CO/LongTailCO.php>



NOTE:

1. For a sturdy handle, join a second ball of yarn, or long strand of yarn, and work long-tail cast on when casting on for top of handle opening.

BACK

With MC, CO 70 sts. **(WS) Begin St st;** work even until pc meas 5" from beg, end after a WS row. **Est Pear:** (RS) With MC, work 28 sts in St st, place marker (pm), using intarsia method and CC, work 14 sts in Pear Panel, pm, with MC work 28 sts in St st. Cont as est until chart has been completed, remove markers, with MC only, cont in St st until pc meas 15¾" from beg, end after a WS row. **Shape Handle:** (RS) K20, BO next 30 sts, k20. Next row: (WS) P20, CO 30 sts over BO sts from previous row (see Note 1), p20. Cont in St st until pc meas 17½" from beg, end after a RS row. (WS) BO all sts knitwise.

FRONT

With MC and RS of bag facing you, pick up and knit 70 sts along CO edge of Back. Cont as for Back.

FINISHING

Sew side seams. Hand or machine felt bag.

FELTING INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: 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.

Hand Felting: Fill a basin with hot water from the tap — as hot as you can get it. *Note: The water temperature should only be as hot as you feel safe putting your hands in. Classic Elite is not responsible for burns due to water*



that is too hot. Please be safe; wear rubber gloves if you are unsure of how the temperature will affect your skin. Immerse the bag and knead it gently, squeezing and rotating it until it begins to felt (approx 10 minutes). Cont to knead bag until it has felted as much as desired or until individual sts are no longer visible. Roll bag gently between 2 towels and lay flat to dry, patting out the handle so it is smooth and the edges aren't rolling.

Machine Felting: Place the pc 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 (¼ 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 pc has finished washing, place in dryer on high heat to finish felting. Check frequently to obtain desired amount of felting.

ABBREVIATIONS

approx – approximately
beg – begin(ning)
BO – Bind Off
CC – Contrast Color
CO – Cast On
cont – continue

est – establish(ed)
k – knit
MC – Main Color
meas – measures
p – purl

pc – piece
pm – place marker
RS – Right Side
st(s) – stitch(es)
St st – Stockinette Stitch
WS – Wrong Side