

Classic Elite Yarns

Renaissance Falling Leaves Felted Bag

This bag is knit using the intarsia technique, so both colors can be worked at the same time. See our website tutorial for how to do intarsia: <http://www.classiceliteyarns.com/WebLetter/Stitches/Intarsia/Intarsia.php>

The back and front of this bag are mirror images. The bag is worked in two separate pieces and sewn together along the bottom and side edges. After assembly, the bag is hand felted.



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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 ball = approx 110 yards)

- 2 hanks Color A—7138 Espresso
- 2 hanks Color B—7191 Riviera Foam
- approx 10 yards each Color C—7160 Pesto and Color D—7135 Celery

Needles

- One pair size US 8 (5 mm)

Or size to obtain gauge

- Tapestry needle

Hand Felting Supplies

- Hot water
- Two towels
- Basin

GAUGE:

18 sts and 25 rows = 4" in Stockinette Stitch before felting; 20 sts and 32 rows = approx 4" in Stockinette Stitch after felting. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**

SPECIAL TERMS:

Cable Cast-on Method: Place a slipknot on LH needle and k1, slip new st onto LH needle; *insert RH needle between first 2 sts on LH needle, k1 from this position, leave the first st on LH needle and slip new st onto LH needle. Rep from * for desired number of sts.

PATTERN STITCH:

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

BACK

With Color A, CO 36 sts, join Color B and CO 36 sts—72 sts. **(RS) Begin St st and Intarsia;** work 36 sts in Color B, drop B, pick up Color A from under B, work 36 sts in Color A. Cont as est, working half of each row in Color A and the other half in Color B until pc meas 15" from beg, end WS row. **Handle:** (RS) With Color B, k23, BO 13 sts purlwise, break

Color B, leaving 6" tail; with Color A, BO 13 sts purlwise, work to end—23 sts rem each side. (WS) With Color A work to BO sts, using Cable Cast-on Method and Color A, CO 13 sts, join Color B and CO 13 sts, work to end—72 sts. Cont as previously est until pc meas 17" from beg, end RS row. (WS) BO all sts knitwise.

FRONT

With Color B, CO 36 sts, join Color A and CO 36 sts—72 sts. **(RS) Begin St st and Intarsia;** work 36 sts in Color A, drop A, pick up Color B from under A, work 36 sts with Color B. Cont as est, working half of each row in Color B and the other half in Color A until pc meas 15" from beg, end WS row. **Handle:** (RS) With Color A, k23, BO 13 sts purlwise, break Color A leaving 6" tail; with Color B, BO 13 sts purlwise, work to end—23 sts rem each side. (WS) With Color B, work to BO sts, using Cable Cast-on Method CO 13 sts; join Color A and CO 13 sts, work to end—72 sts. Cont as previously est until pc meas 17" from beg, end RS row. (WS) BO all sts knitwise.

FINISHING

With wrong sides facing each other, sew up side and bottom seams. Weave in ends. **Hand Felt bag:** Fill a basin with hot water from the tap—as hot as you can get it.

Note: *The water temperature should be only as hot as you feel safe putting your hands in. Classic Elite Yarns is not responsible for burns due to water that is too hot. Please, be safe; wear rubber gloves if you're 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. **Embroider Leaves:** When bag is dry, cut Leaf Template from page 2; place template on Front of bag, and using Color C, Color D and Backstitch (see diagram on page 2), embroider around template onto bag; then add vein details as desired.



ABBREVIATIONS

approx – approximately
beg – begin(ning)
BO – Bind Off
CO – Cast On
cont – continue
est – establish(ed)
k – knit
LH – Left Hand
meas – measures
pc – piece
rem – remain(ning)
rep – repeat
RH – Right Hand
RS – Right Side
st(s) – stitch(es)
St st – Stockinette Stitch
WS – Wrong Side

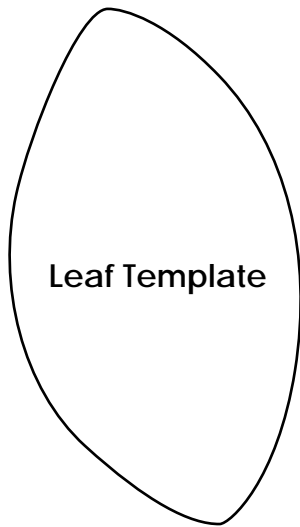


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Leaf Template

Backstitch

