

Classic Elite Yarns

Renaissance Felted Dog Leash

Renaissance—100% wool

The two projects in this week's web-letter offer a great opportunity to talk about how different fibers, when felted, give varied results. Renaissance is 100% wool. When felted until the stitches are no longer visible, a smooth even, sturdy fabric is formed.

Inca is 100% alpaca and the difference in the composition of the fiber reveals a different felted fabric. When Inca is felted so that the stitch definition is erased, it makes a more textured and much softer, more pliable fabric.

Renaissance's 40-color palette gives lots of choices for felted bags and other items. And because Renaissance comes in small, 50-gram hanks, you can work small projects or use many colors and they won't leave you with a ton of unused yarn.

Inca's super-soft hand, slight sheen, and wonderful texture are good for dressier projects, like this week's clutch or jewelry. Choose from the 41-colors in the Inca line.

Renaissance Felted Dog Leash

Designed by: Leigh Radford

SIZE: One size

Finished Measurements:

Pre-Felted: 1³/₄" wide x 90¹/₂" long

Felted: approx 1¹/₂" x 72" long

MATERIALS:

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

- 1 hank Color A—7155 Renaissance Red
- 1 hank Color B—7149 Mediterranean Sea
- 1 hank Color C—7111 Lime Infusion
- 1 hank Color D—7118 Basil
- 1 hank Color E—7168 Vatican Gold
- 1 hank Color F—7189 Paris Pink

Needles

- Two double pointed needles (dpns) size US 9 (5.5 mm)

Or size to obtain gauge

- Tapestry needle
- One swivel tripper snap with 1¹/₂" square eye/opening

GAUGE: 18 sts and 24 rows = 4" in Stockinette Stitch. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**

SPECIAL TERMS:

m1: (make 1) Insert LH needle under horizontal strand between st just worked and next st, from the front to the back, knit through the back loop (1 st increased).

p2tog: Purl 2 sts together (1 st decreased).

k2tog: Knit 2 sts together (1 st decreased).

PATTERN STITCHES:

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

Color Sequence:

Rows 1–20: Color A

Rows 21–44: Color B

Rows 45–60: Color C

Rows 61–90: Color D

Rows 91–100: Color E

Rows 101–108: Color F

Rows 109–128: Color A

Rows 129–140: Color B

Rows 141–166: Color D

Rows 167–178: Color C

Rows 179–192: Color E

Rows 193–200: Color A

Rows 201–218: Color F

Rows 219–224: Color B

Rows 225–238: Color C

Rows 239–246: Color D

Rows 247–266: Color A

Rows 267–282: Color B

Rows 283–290: Color C

Rows 291–308: Color F

Rows 309–318: Color A

Rows 319–332: Color E

Rows 333–358: Color D

Rows 359–372: Color B

Rows 373–382: Color C

Rows 383–396: Color A

Work rows 1–396 for Color Sequence.

NOTE: Leash is worked with 2 strands of specified color held together throughout.

LEASH

With 2 strands of Color A held together, CO 9 sts. **(WS) Begin St st and Color Sequence;** work 2 rows even, end after a RS row. **Inc Row:** (WS) P1, m1, k7, m1, p1—11 sts. **Est Patt:** K6, wyif, slip 5 sts purlwise, turn, pull yarn tightly. Rep the previous row until pc meas 89" from beg, end after a WS row; **and at the same time,** change colors as specified in Color Sequence as follows: (RS) K5 in previous color, k1 in new color, cross old color over new, bring yarn to the front, slip 5 sts purlwise wyif, turn. Cut old color leaving a 1–2" tail. Leave tails loose until your knitting



ABBREVIATIONS

approx – approximately

beg – begin(ning)

BO – bind off

CO – cast on

cont – continue

dec'd – decrease(d)

dpn(s) – double pointed needle(s)

est – establishe(d)

inc'd – increase(d)

k – knit

k2tog – see Special Terms

LH – left hand

m1 – see Special Terms

meas – measures

p – purl

p2tog – see Special Terms

patt – pattern

pc – piece

rep – repeat

rem – remain(ning)

RS – right side

st(s) – stitch(es)

St st – Stockinette Stitch

WS – wrong side

wyif – with yarn in front

is complete, then tighten/weave in your loose ends when completing your finishing. **Shape Trigger Snap Flap:** Cont working Stripe Sequence. **Dec Row 1:** (RS) K5, k2tog, k4—10 sts rem. **Dec Row 2:** (WS) P1, p2tog, p4, p2tog, p1—8 sts rem. **Change to St st;** (RS) work 2 rows even, end after a WS row. **Dec Row 3:** (RS) K1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1—6 sts rem. (WS) Work 1 row even. (RS) BO all sts. Break yarn, leaving approx 8" tail.

PRE-FELTING FINISHING

Thread 8" tail onto tapestry needle. Slip BO end of leash through square opening of trigger snap and securely sew into place. At CO edge of leash, fold work to create a loop for handle measuring approx 7½" in length. With tapestry needle threaded with yarn, securely sew CO edge to body of leash. Weave in loose ends at color changes.

FELTING

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. Place the piece 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 piece has finished washing, place in dryer on high heat to finish felting. Check frequently to obtain desired amount of felting.

FINISHING

Take your favorite pup for walk!

NOTE: While this felted leash is very durable, it is not "nibble-proof".

