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Braided Handle Sachel

with
Felt-It

designed by Kathy Perry

TECHNIQUE USED: Knit &
Felted



SIZE

Approx 23" wide x 10" tall x 5"
deep

MATERIALS

Caron International's Felt-It (100% wool, 1.76oz/50g, 93 yds/85 m): #0007
Evening Mist, 18 skeins

One pair size US 13 (9 mm) needles **OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE**

Embellish-Knit automatic spool knitter from Bond-America[®]

Tapestry needle

Needle and thread

4 1 5/8" black plastic o rings

Decorative beads (optional)

1/2 yard fabric for lining (optional)

GAUGE

Pre-Felted: In St st using 2 strands of yarn, 10 1/2 sts and 14 rows = 4"/10
cm

After Felting: 14 sts and 28 rows = 4"/10 cm

STITCHES USED

Stockinette stitch (St st)

BODY(1 piece)



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schematic

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Using 2 strands of yarn held tog, cast on 82 sts and work in St st until piece measures approx 52". Bind off.

OUTSIDE POCKET (1 piece)

Using 2 strands of yarn held tog, cast on 25 sts and work in St st until piece measures approx 28". Bind off.

FINISHING

Fold body of bag in half and sew side seams.

Felt bag and pocket according to instructions on ball band. To get correct finished dimensions you may need to agitate body of bag (not pocket) longer because of size. Check felting frequently until top edge of bag measures approx 23-24" across. Let dry. Pocket should measure approx 7" wide and 15" long.

Turn bag inside out and flatten bottom to measure approx 5" wide. Tack corners down to inside bottom of bag.

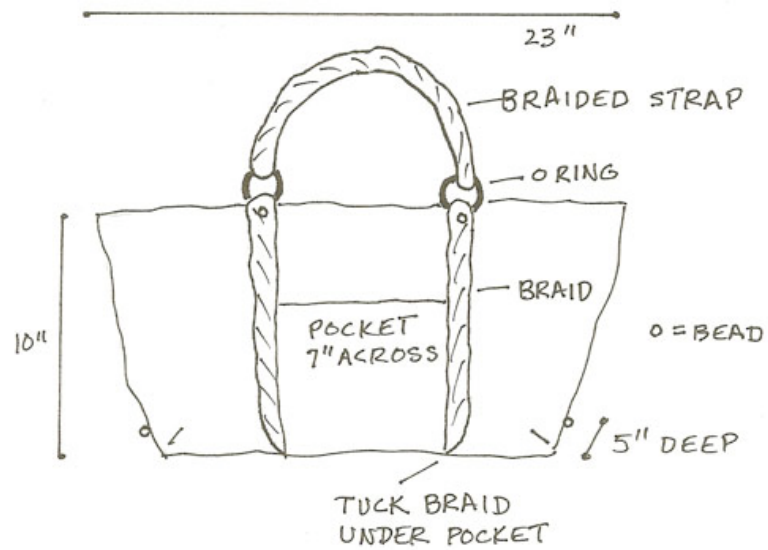
Note: To use Embellish Knit with Felt-It, start the cord with scrap yarn. When cord shows, move weights to cord end and tie on Felt-It to complete knitting of cord.

Braid: Using Embellish Knit, make 12 cords 32" long. Fold 3 cords in half around an o ring. Braid, leaving ends lightly secured. Repeat this with all o rings. Tack o rings with braid in place on bag (see illustration) approx 7" apart leaving space for pocket. Leave ends loose.

Pocket: If necessary, trim sides to straighten so width is approx 7". Place outside pocket so it is centered between braid on one side of bag, wraps around bottom and is centered the same way on other side of bag. Sew in place by hand and hide braid ends under side bottoms of pocket. See illustration.

Straps: Using Embellish Knit, make 12 cords 30" long. Make 2 braided straps (with 6 cords each) to desired length. Attach each end of braid to o rings on one side. Repeat for other side. See illustration.

Optional: For lining, Measure bag and cut 2 pieces of lining to fit adding 1" extra for seams and 1" on top edge to turn under. Seam sides with 1/2" seams. Square bottom to fit and sew across corners. Place lining inside purse and tack in place around top edge with lining turned under 1". Tack lining to bottom corners to keep it in place. Add decorative beads under o rings and to bottom sides of bag, if desired.



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