

# Easy Knits

## A You Can Do It Pattern!

# Mayan Felted Purse

You will need...

About 7-10 colors that = 1600 yards of something made of wool, alpaca, mohair or a blend of natural fibers.

You will be holding 2 strands together for whole project.

If you use worsted the bag will be BIG, sport the Bag will be smaller.

Size #9 (loose knitter) #10 (on gauge) #11 (uptight knitter)

A Looser knitted fabric felts easier

Gauge - about 3.5 stitches to the inch before felting

And who cares, it's a felted purse, it will fit.

An even number of buttons we will put 1/2 on one side and 1/2 on the other,

SHANK only. no holes on top or you will have to sew them on.

1 leather strap

Some beads I like ALOT of beads, at least 2 different shapes.



And As Always NO Knitgenese....

Well you're not making a scarf or hat again. You only have one head and one neck so it's time to move on. Don't freak out!

This is really a hat pattern gone wild, I just made a hat with a flat bottom (or top) and added little loops for the strap.

You will do this bag in seven steps and learn seven new things about knitting!

### Steps

1. Make the bag (hat part)
2. Make the bottom flat
3. I-cord trim at top of bag
4. I-Cord loops (for Strap)
5. Assemble Bag
6. Felting you bag (shrinking w/ hot water)
7. Attach leather strap & snap

### You will learn

1. How to Attach beads by knitting them on as you go.
2. How to make Pick Up I-cord and I-cord trim
3. How to work with 2 yarns at the same time
4. How to Slip stitch to make designs in knitting
5. How to felt (shrink natural fibers) 1000 year old art
6. Make a decrease (felt bottom) and 3 needle bind off.
7. Most importantly...Be creative, you DO NOT have to follow my colors, patterns, bead or button placement. Do a UNIQUE, one of a kind, just for you Bag!

SO here we go... too late to chicken out you've already wound your yarn.

Cast on (any way you were taught) 124 stitches, placing a marker (little round thing that looks like a wedding band for an elf)

at 62 stitches and after the last stitch, now join in the round, DO not have a twist, I cannot fix it. This is Knitting in the round. The marker will let you know when you have gone around once so make the markers different and name one of them the leader.

It is good to remember that this whole thing is going to shrink up by about 1/3 of its original size so one round of one color will be very hard to find when your bag has been felted, try at least 2 rounds of a color. Do not worry about tails leave 6" of yarn and keep going.