

Cartwheel™ & Gleam™

Felted
Rose Bag
LM0221

INTERMEDIATE 

Designed by Grace Alexander.

Finished bag measures approximately 9½" high x 16 ½" wide without handles.

MODA DEA™ "Cartwheel™": 4 Balls No. 9412 Misty **CA** and 3 balls No. 9745 Raspberries **CC**.

MODA DEA™ "Gleam™": 4 Balls No. 3012 Black Pearl **CB**.

Circular Knitting Needle: 9mm [US 13] – 36".

Stitch marker, cable needle, yarn needle; bamboo handles DT9006, sewing needle and thread.

GAUGE: 10 sts = 4"; 14 rows = 4" in St st with 2 strands before felting. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.**
Use any size needle to obtain the gauge.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS:

K5B (Knit in the st 5 rows below) = slip next st off left needle and unravel it for 4 rows; insert point of right needle into the stitch on the 5th row down under the unraveled strands and Knit the stitch catching the strands behind it at the same time.

NOTE: Felting is not an exact science due to the many different variables, however up to 25% of the height and 15% of the width may be lost in the felting process.

BASE: With one strand each of **CA** and **CB** held together (**CA/CB**), cast on 45 sts. K 13 rows. Pick up and K6 sts across first short edge, 45 sts across cast-on edge, and 6 sts across last short edge – 102 sts.

BAG: Place marker to indicate beg/end of rnd. K every rnd until approximately 11¼" above base, inc 2 sts evenly spaced on the last rnd – 104 sts. **DO NOT CUT YARN.**

Join **double** strand of **CC**. Work upper pat as follows:

Rnd 1: With **CC/CC**, K.

Rnd 2: With **CC/CC**, P.

Rnds 3–6: With **CA/CB**, K 4 rnds.

Rnd 7: With **CC/CC**, * K3, K5B; rep from * around.

Rnd 8: With **CC/CC**, P.

Rnds 9–12: With **CA/CB**, K 4 rnds.

Rnd 13: With **CC/CC**, * K1, K5B, K2; rep from * around.

Rnds 14–20: Rep Rnds 2–8. Cut **CC/CC**.

Rnd 21: With **CA/CB**, K 1 rnd.

Work Cable bind-off as follows: * sl next 2 sts from left needle onto a cable needle and leave at front, K next 2 sts from left needle and bind one off, then K first st from cable needle and bind one off, K next st from cable needle and bind one off; rep from * across.

Handle Tabs (Make 4): With **CA/CB**, cast on 6 sts. K 12 rows. Bind off.

Flowers (Make 4): With ONE strand **CC**, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1: K, inc in each st across – 20 sts.

Row 2: K, inc in each st across – 40 sts.

Bind off as follows: K1, * yo, sl the K st over the yo, K1, sl the yo over the K st; rep from * across.

FINISHING: Weave in all loose ends.

Felting: Place all pieces (bag, handle and flower pieces) in the washing machine in the smallest load with hottest water setting and a small amount of liquid detergent through one wash (agitation only) cycle. (**Option:** 1 tablespoon of baking soda in the wash may speed the felting process.) Remove bag and check on amount of felting during this process. Two or more wash cycles may be needed before you will be satisfied with the effect. Repeat until pieces are felted and bag is desired size.

Rinse in cold water to stop the felting process and to remove the soap.

Pull pieces into shape and allow to dry away from sun or heat for a day or two.

Felting will cause a certain amount of pilling which is easily removed by brushing briskly with a hard nylon brush.

Once pieces are dry, attach handles to bag with the handle tabs. Coil the flower strips into a rose shape as pictured and attach to bag.

MODA DEA™ "Cartwheel™", Art. R132 (1.76 ounce/77 yard ball).

MODA DEA™ "Gleam™", Art. R127 (1.76 ounce/76 yard ball).

ABBREVIATIONS: beg = beginning; **CA, CB, CC** = Colors A, B, C; **inc** = increase; **K** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl; **rep** = repeat; **rnd** = round; **sl** = slip; **St st** = Stockinette stitch (K every round); **st(s)** = stitch (es); **yo** = yarn over; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

