



An easy tote with braided cables that continue into the handles.
 A perfect first cable or felting project.
 Available in three sizes!

Finished Sizes:

Large: 13" wide x 9-1/2" high x 3" deep. Handle height is 10-1/2" from top of bag to shoulder.

Regular: 12" wide x 8-1/2" high x 2" deep. Handle height is 10" from top of bag to shoulder.

Mini: 11" wide x 7-1/2" high x 1-1/2" deep. Handle height is 9" from top of bag to shoulder.

Skill Level:

Advanced beginner

Gauge:

Not extremely important. This will be felted.

Yarn: about 450 yards of

worsted weight
 feltable wool

as pictured:

Patons Classic Wool
 Sage, Black, Natural Mix

Materials:

US 8 (5 mm) circular needle
 US 8 (5 mm) double pointed
 needles
 Cable needle
 Markers in two colors

Stitches/abbreviations:

cn cable needle
dpn(s) double pointed needle(s)
k knit
p purl
sts stitches

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Cable Abbreviations:

CF: Slip 4(3, 2) sts onto cn and hold in front. Knit 4(3, 2) sts, then knit 4(3, 2) sts from cn.

CB: Slip 4(3, 2) sts onto cn and hold in back. Knit 4(3, 2) sts, then knit 4(3, 2) sts from cn.

Pattern is written for Large(Regular, Mini) and worked with one strand of yarn.

Bag Base

Cast on 72(64, 56) sts.

Working in rows, knit in garter for 32(28, 20) rows.

At end of last row, do not turn.

Place marker, pick up and knit 16(14, 10) sts, place marker, pick up and knit 72(64, 56) sts, pick up and knit 16(14, 10) sts, place beginning of round marker. You now have 176(156, 132) sts. Markers are located at bag corners for reference.

Bag Body

Note: You may have to use dpn's for a few rounds until you have enough room for the circular needle.

Round 1: *k4, p2, k12(9, 6), p2, k32(30, 28), p2, k12(9, 6), p2, k4, pass marker, k16(14, 10), pass marker. Repeat from * for other side.

Rounds 2-4: Repeat round 1

Begin knitting in Bag Cable Pattern.

Bag Cable Pattern: For those of you who prefer charts, they are on the last page of the pattern.

Round 1: *k4, p2, CF, k4(3, 2), p2, k32(30, 28), p2, k4(3, 2), CB, p2, k4, k16(14, 10). Repeat from * for other side.

Round 2: *k4, p2, k12(9, 6), p2, k32(30, 28), p2, k12(9, 6), p2, k4, k16(14, 10). Repeat from * for other side.

Round 3: repeat row 2.

Round 4: repeat row 2.

Round 5: *k4, p2, k4(3, 2), CB, p2, k32(30, 28), p2, CF, k4(3, 2), p2, k4, k16(14, 10). Repeat from * for other side.

Round 6: *k4, p2, k12(9, 6), p2, k32(30, 28), p2, k12(9, 6), p2, k4, k16(14, 10). Repeat from * for other side.

Round 7: repeat row 6.

Round 8: repeat row 6.

Knit Bag Cable Pattern for a total of 8 (7, 6) times.

Handle set-up rounds: (garter stitch rounds)

Round 1: *p4, p2, CF, k4(3, 2), p2, p32(30, 28), p2, k4(3, 2), CB, p2, p4, p16(14, 10). Repeat from * for other side.

Round 2: Repeat round 2 of cable pattern above.

Round 3: *p4, p2, k12(9, 6), p2, p32(30, 28), p2, k12(9, 6), p2, p4, p16(14, 10). Repeat from * for other side.

Bind off, removing markers as you go, as follows:

Round 4: Bind off stitches until you get to the two purl stitches of the cable pattern.

*Bind off first purl stitch, purl one stitch, knit across the cable, purl one stitch. Keep the live stitches on the needle and continue to bind off until you get to the purl stitches of the next cable pattern. Repeat from * until you have bound off all stitches. Cut yarn and pull through last stitch. Each handle should have 14(11, 8) stitches; your cable stitches and one purl stitch on either side.

You now have four handles on one circular needle.

Mark the first handle by placing a permanent stitch marker somewhere at the beginning of the handle below where you are working. This is for visual reference, so you know which one is handle 1.

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I strongly suggest that you take a moment to wind your remaining yarn into four fairly equal balls. This is extremely important if you are making the large bag, as you will be knitting to the end of your yarn! It is very helpful for all of the sizes so that you can work on all four handles at the same time. That way you will be sure they are all the same size. I used four zipper bags and thread my yarn through a snipped corner to keep everything from getting tangled. They fit nicely inside the bag too!



From now on you will be working in rows.

Finish this cable repeat as follows:

Row 5: [handle 1] attach new yarn, p1, k4(3, 2), CB, p1
[handle 2] attach new yarn, p1, CF, k4(3, 2), p1
[handle 3] attach new yarn, p1, k4(3, 2), CB, p1
[handle 4] attach new yarn, p1, CF, k4(3, 2), p1
Row 6: k1, p12(9, 6), k1 for all handles
Row 7: p1, k12(9, 6), p1 for all handles
Row 8: repeat row 6

Continue knitting the Handle Cable Pattern, remembering to change yarn with each handle.

Handle Cable Pattern:

Row 1: [handle 1] p1, CF, k4(3, 2), p1
[handle 2] p1, k4(3, 2), CB, p1
[handle 3] p1, CF, k4(3, 2), p1
[handle 4] p1, k4(3, 2), CB, p1
Row 2: k1, p12(9, 6), k1
Row 3: p1, k12(9, 6), p1
Row 4: repeat row 2.
Row 5: [handle 1] p1, k4(3, 2), CB, p1
[handle 2] p1, CF, k4(3, 2), p1
[handle 3] p1, k4(3, 2), CB, p1
[handle 4] p1, CF, k4(3, 2), p1
Row 6: k1, p12(9, 6), k1 for all handles
Row 7: p1, k12(9, 6), p1 for all handles
Row 8: repeat row 6

Knit 9(8, 7) full cable repeats, not including the handle set-up round, or to your desired length (or until you are about to run out of yarn!).

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Finishing

Row 1: p1, k12(9, 6), p1

Row 2: k1, p12(9, 6), k1

Repeat rows 1 & 2 once.

Move handles 3 & 4 to another circular needle or holder.

Working with handles 1 and 2, make sure straps are not twisted. Kitchener stitch together.

Repeat for handles 3 and 4.

Weave in ends.

Felt carefully, checking often! Tug and pull out the braid sections in the handles and bag and check to make sure the handles have not felted themselves into a tube.



Block with an appropriate sized book wrapped in a plastic bag.

There are lots of felting tutorials out in cyberspace. If you still have questions or prefer one-on-one help feel free to e-mail me or contact me through Ravelry.

Post your pictures! If you are not on Ravelry, e-mail me a picture or send a link to your bag. I'd love to see it!

Enjoy!



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abbreviation	symbol
p	-
k	
CF	
CB	

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	<p>Handle Cable Pattern</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Handles 2&4</p>	<p>Handles 1&3</p>
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