

## Girl's Cross It Up Wool Felted Purse



After years of crocheting the wool felted purse, I realized I had not written a pattern. It was time to grab my favorite crochet hook, some wool yarn, pen and paper, and write the Girl's Cross It Up Wool Felted purse pattern.

The bag is crocheted on both sides of the starting chain, working up towards the triangle flap closure. The strap is crocheted separately and attached before felting.

The felted purse is customizable, you can make it as big as you want just by adding more beginning chains. When using Brown Sheep Company (255 yds) and Paton Classic Wool (210 yds), you will have leftover yarn. The larger the bag, the more yarn will be needed.

Add cute buttons to accessorize the wool felted purse.

### Materials

1 skein/hank/ball of wool felting yarn (Brown Sheep Company Nature Spun; Debbie Stoller Full O Sheep yarn; Paton's Classic Wool yarn) minimum of 150 yards

Crochet Hook, US K 10 ½ (6.5mm)

Darning Needle

Removable Stitch Marker

Decorative Buttons/embroider floss

Tape Measure

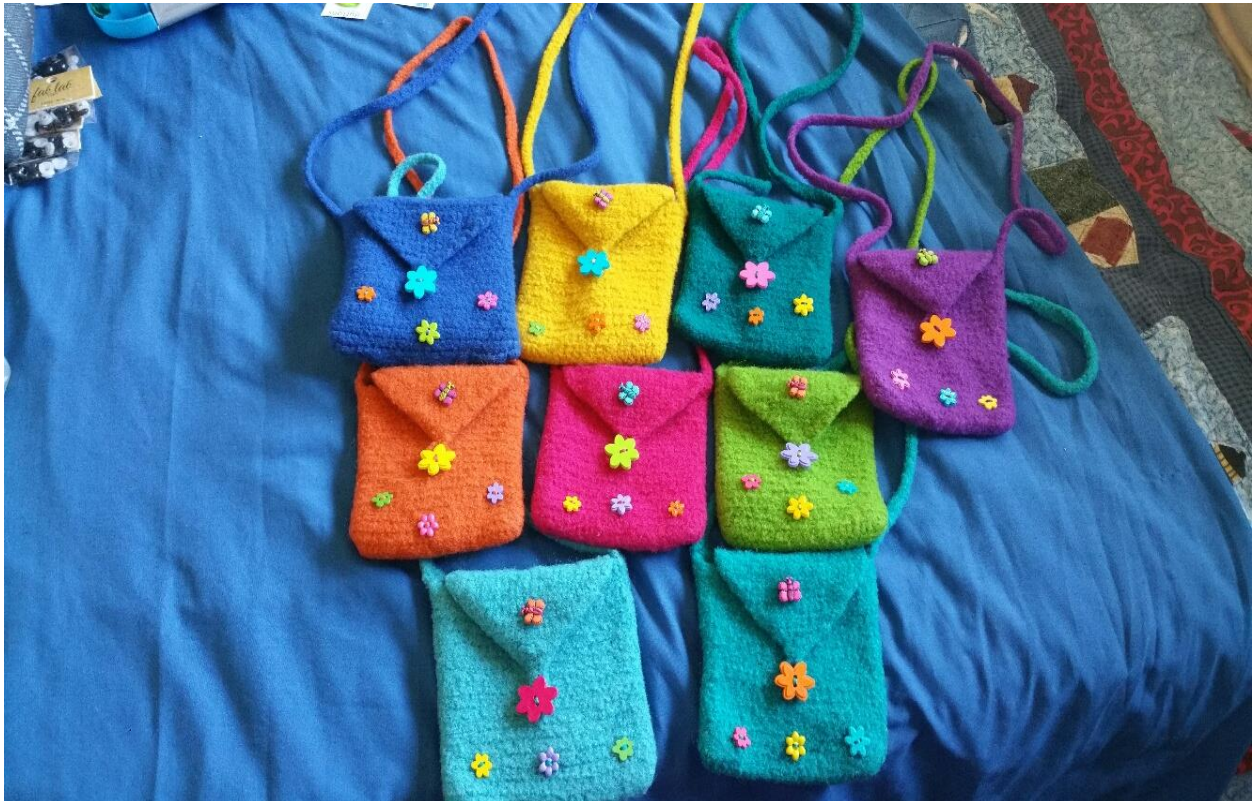
Scissors

## Terminology

**CH**-chain   **SS**-slip stitch   **SC**-single crochet   **HDC**-half double crochet   **sc2tog**-single crochet 2 together  
**Hdc2tog**-half double crochet 2 together

## Notes

You will be crocheting on both sides of the starting chain. Chain 1 and Chain 2 at beginning of round/row does not count as a stitch.



## Instructions

Chain 25

Round 1: Half double crochet (hdc) in 3<sup>rd</sup> chain from hook, hdc in next stitch, hdc across to last stitch, 3 hdc in last st, turn to opposite side, hdc in each stitch across, 3 hdc in last stitch. (50 sts)

Round 2: HDC in each stitch around. Place stitch marker at beginning of this round. and do not move, so you can count the rounds completed. Not sure how many rows you have crocheted, the red sample bag has 17 rounds crocheted

Rnds 3-19: Continue crocheting in the round until piece measures 7 inches tall (about 18 rounds). Do not bind off, you will be crocheting in rows across the top of the bag to form the flap.





Row 1 (of flap): Ch2; hdc 24 stitches across, turn; Repeat for 3 rows. Time to check the flap, lay bag down, does the flap cover the opening of the bag? YES, continue with the pattern; NO, add one more row. Then do 1 row of single crochet. Turn



Time to form the triangle flap. There will be 2 decreases for each row, with a decrease to begin row, and decrease to end the row. Begin rows with chain 1.

Row 4: ch 1, sc2tog; sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog, turn 22sts

Row 5: ch 1, sc2tog; sc next 18 sts, sc2tog 20sts

Repeat pattern, (decrease, single crochet to last 2 stitches, decrease) until there 2 sts remain. Now to form the button loop, do not cut yarn and continue below.

Sc2tog, 1st remains, turn; slip stitch in the stitch, then chain 12; bring last chain to flap and slip stitch into it to close button loop. Cut yarn leaving a tail, take darning needle, thread tail, make slip knot close to button loop, weave in tail next to edge and cut. The strap will be crocheted separately, and sewn to bag.

### **Shoulder Strap**

Next, you will be working on both sides of the chain.

Leave a long tail, chain 152; hdc in 3<sup>rd</sup> chain from hook; hdc in each chain across; turn to side at beginning chain, slip stitch in side of last hdc; slip stitch in each underside chain; cut yarn leaving a long tail. With darning needle, sew on end of should strap to one side of purse, repeat for opposite side. Weave in ends. The bag is now complete.

### **Felting the Bag**

Time to felt it. I take my bags to local laundromat, and place 2 or 3 bags inside mesh laundry bags. You can buy these at dollar stores, Target, Walmart. Wash with 2 or 3 old denim jeans, set to hot temp and wash, place in dryer, high temp for agitation. Wash, Dry, Repeat. The sample bags were laundered twice.

The main reason why I take my wool to be felted is because our washers/dryers temp is not that hot; plus the wool fibers can clog the water line.

As you can see from my samples, cute flowers and butterflies buttons were used. I purchased the buttons at JoAnn's Fabrics and Crafts store. With a large selection of buttons, the possibilities are endless.

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*Thank You Ro, your daughter was a great model for my purse.*