



Felted Tuck Purse

Designed by Maggie Pace.

Finished bag measures approximately 8½" high x 12" wide.

RED HEART® "Eco-Ways™ Bamboo Wool™":
3 balls 3365 Cocoa **A**, 2 balls 3650 Dill **B**.

Knitting Needles: 6mm [US 10].
Two Double Pointed Needles 6mm [US 10].
One smaller size spare knitting needle, yarn needle, split ring stitch markers, 1yard length thick cotton yarn, 4 safety pins.

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4"; 20 rows = 4" in Stockinette stitch before felting. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

NOTES:

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.

When working short row shaping, do not wrap. Holes will be used for weaving I cord embellishment.

The purse is worked in one piece, from side to side, in panels separated by tucks. The base of the purse is knit separately and sewn in prior to felting.

PURSE

With **A**, cast on 42 sts. Begin with a right side row, work 2 rows in St st.

Panel Pattern

[Work short row shaping as follows: * K32, turn; p to end. Work 4 rows in St st. Repeat from * 3 times more.

**** Begin Tuck:** Change to **B**, pm on first stitch, and work 4 rows even in St st. With wrong side facing and smaller spare needle, working from right to left at the marked row, pick up one stitch for each stitch on to needle. Turn work so right side is facing and needles are together. With **A**, work one stitch from each needle together across the row. Purl one row, removing marker.] 2 times for Panels 1 & 2.

Panel 3

Repeat Panel Pattern to **.

Begin Tuck: Change to **B**, pm on first stitch and k to end of row. Cast on 40 sts for Strap—82 sts. Work 3 rows even. Complete tuck in **B**, picking up all sts to include cast on edge of strap sts. Purl one row, removing markers.

Strap

With **B**, work Panel Pattern, to ** for strap.

Begin Tuck: Knit across, placing markers on first, center, and last sts of row to help identify tuck row. Work 3 rows even. Complete tuck, working sts together **and at same time**, bind off 40 strap sts. Change to **A**, purl one row, removing markers.

Repeat Panel Pattern, same as for Panels 1-3 and Strap, to complete back of purse. Bind off sts of final tuck in **B**.

Purse Bottom

With **A**, cast on 64 sts. Work 40 rows even in St st. Bind off.



FINISHING

I-Cord Embellishments (Make 2)

With double pointed needles and **B**, cast on 2 sts. * K2; do not turn, but slip sts to the other end of needle; repeat from * until cord is approximately 2" longer than first 3 Panels. Bind off.

Seam and Prepare for Felting

With **A**, sew cast-on edge of purse, to bind-off edge. Pin purse base along bottom edges of purse, easing in excess along Strap edges. Sew in place. With **B**, sew ends of straps together. Weave in all yarn ends.

To keep holes open during felting, thread 1/2 the length of cotton yarn through each of the holes on the three front panels. Use two safety pins to secure on both ends. Repeat on the three back panels.

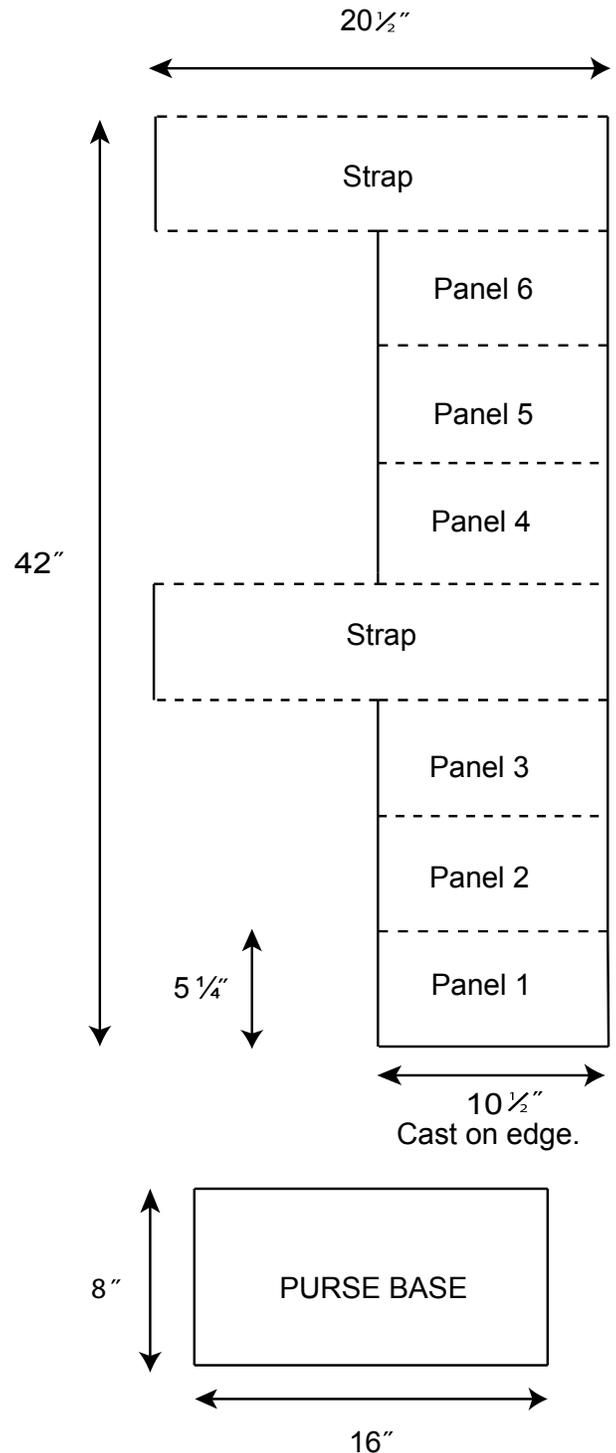
Felt

Place I-cords in a mesh laundry bag or a pillow case. Set a washer to hot, heavy-duty cycle, and low water. Add the purse and bag with I-cords. Run one wash (agitation only) cycle, removing pieces several times during process to check progress. Two or more cycles may be needed before satisfied results are achieved. Remove pieces when measurements are correct, pieces are stiff to the touch, and the stitch definition is nearly invisible. Rinse in cool water to stop the felting process. Shape the bag by squaring off the base and Strap Panels. If possible, dry the purse on a mold that is the correct proportion, like a cardboard box. This will help ensure the bag maintains its crisp edges. Roll out I-cords so they are uniform in size and length. Dry pieces thoroughly away from heat.

Remove safety pins and cotton yarn from purse. Beginning at inside of purse, weave I-cord through holes along the bag's three front Panels. Sew one end to wrong side. Repeat with second I-cord along back panel. Pull the I-cord ends that are not attached to gather each top-half of the bag to desired size. Trim cord, and sew loose ends in place.

Button Embellishment (Make 2)

Use the trimmed off pieces of I-cords to make the buttons: Coil the cord from the center until the button is the desired size, approximately 1/2"-3/4" in diameter. Stitch the coil together by passing the needle through all layers of the coil several times. Sew to center panel at I-cord.



Dashed lines indicate tucks.

Schematic above shows pre-felted measurements.



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RED HEART® “Eco-Ways® Bamboo Wool”, Art. E754 available in 1.76 oz (50 g), 87 yd (80 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B** = color **A B**; **K** = knit;
mm = millimeters; **P** = purl; **pm** = place marker;
St st = Stockinette stitch (Knit on right side rows; Purl on wrong side rows.); **st(s)** = stitch (es); * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.