

Yarn Along The Rockies



Felted Alpaca knit pattern and chart – for tote bag or pillow

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Finished measurements:

Pre-felted size approximately 18" wide by 20" tall. Post-felted size will vary depending on felting method. It is recommended you felt all pieces at the same time.

Gauge:

Gauge is not very important as this project is intended to be felted. Approximately 3 st & 4 rows stockinette = 1"

Yarn:

Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride bulky wool (or similar yarn good for felting)

Suggested colors:

Color A – Emerald Green for grass

Color B – Grey Heather for alpaca

Color C – Elderberry Wine for mountains

Color D – Brite Blue for sky

One side uses approximately 55 grams each colors A, C and D, and 30 grams color B

Needles & Notions:

Size 13 needles

Tapestry needle

For tote - you may need hardware such as tote handles, closures (zipper, button, etc) or additional yarn for an i-cord handle

For pillow - you will need a pillow form

Notes: The pattern is knit in colorwork using bulky yarn and size 13 needles. This pattern uses a chart for the colorwork and there is a garter stitch border around the charted picture.

Front side:

With Color A, CO 56 using a stretchy cast on method

Bottom border in garter stitch: knit 4 rows or about 1 inch of border (56 st)

Row 1 (chart): K3 for side border, K50 following the chart, K3 for side border. (56 st)

Row 2 (chart): K3 for side border, P50 following the chart, K3 for side border. (56 st)

Rows 3-74: Repeat row 1 & 2, changing colors as noted per the chart. Odd numbered rows (RS) are knit and read from the right to the left; even numbered rows (WS) are purled and read from the left to the right. (56 st)

Top border in garter stitch: knit 4 rows or about 1 inch of border, then loosely bind off.

Back side:

You can either duplicate the front side using the alpaca chart, knit a solid color, or knit stripes with the leftover yarn.

Pre-felted image:



Felt your front and back sides at the same time. Block as needed to get approximately the same size for both squares. Seam three sides together leaving top open.

To make a pillow, you will need a pillow form the approximate size of your felted squares. Sew the top together once you add the pillow form.

To make a tote, attach the hardware (handles, zipper or other closures) as needed, or you can knit an i-cord for the handle/strap and sew on to the squares.

