

# Jessica - A Felted Purse



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My hairstylist is very big on pink (She had pink streaks in her hair when I first met her). She saw one of the felted bags I had made for myself and jokingly asked me to make one for her. I decided to design a little fluffy bag for her as a Christmas gift. It is, of course, very, very pink.

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**Size:** One

**Finished Measurements:** 10" across opening, 8" across base, 8" deep

## Materials:

Patons Classic Merino Wool (100% Merino wool; 223 yds per 100g skein), That's Pink, 2 skeins  
Lion Brand Fun Fur (100% Polyester; 60 yds per 50g skein), Raspberry, 1 skein, Soft Pink, 1 skein  
Size US11 (8mm) 16" circular needle, or size required for gauge  
Set of 5 stitch markers, one of which should be a different color to mark the start of the round.

## Gauge:

12.25 sts/32 rows=4" in St St post-felting with two strands held together throughout (Pre-felting gauge is not critical, but mine was 11 sts/16 rows=4" - this is knit VERY loosely)

SSK = Slip, slip, knit

K2TOG = Knit 2 together

PM = Place marker

## Bag:

Using 2 strands of Merino Wool, cast on 76 sts. Join to work in the round. NOTE: Follow desired stripe pattern while working below instructions.

Round 1: K9, PM, K20, PM, K18, PM, K20, PM, K9, PM for beginning of round.

Rounds 2-4: K all sts

Round 5 (decrease round): \*K to 2 sts before marker, SSK, K to next marker, K2TOG\* repeat from \* to \*, K to end of round (The decreases will all happen in the 18-stitch sections – the 20-stitch sections will stay at 20 sts) – 72 sts

Round 6-12: K all sts

Rounds 13-52 : Repeat rounds 5-12 5 more times – 52 sts remain (You will decrease on rounds 5, 13, 21, 29, 37, and 45)

Round 53: Repeat Round 5 – 48 sts remain

Rounds 54-57 : K all sts

Round 58: P all sts, removing 4 decrease markers (not beginning of round marker)

Round 59: \*K2TOG, K 20, K2TOG\* repeat from \* to \* - 44 sts remain

Arrange stitches onto 2 needles, and use 3-needle bind-off method to close bottom of purse.

## Handles:

Using 1 strand of Merino Wool, knit 4 24" pieces of 4-stitch i-cord (I used my Embellish-Knit cord maker). After felting, twist two cords together for each handle, and pin them down until they dry. Attach to inside top of purse.

## To felt bag:

Put bag and handles into pillowcase or mesh laundry bag and run through wash cycle using hot water and lowest water level. You may need to add a pair or two of jeans for agitation. When the bag has reached the desired level of felting (Mine took 20 minutes), remove from the washer (do not let it spin). Squeeze out water using towels, and lay out to dry, pinning twisted handles as above.

Once the bag is dry, you may need to trim the Fun Fur on the inside, or it may fill the interior of the bag. Once it is felted, this is no problem – just give the bag a haircut close to the inner surface.

## Striping Pattern Options:

### As pictured above:

CO-round 7: 2 strands Merino Wool

Rounds 8-10: 1 strand Merino Wool, 1 strand Fun Fur in Raspberry

Rounds 11-23: 2 strands Merino Wool  
Rounds 24-26: 1 strand Merino Wool, 1 strand Fun Fur in Soft Pink  
Rounds 27-39: 2 strands Merino Wool  
Rounds 40-42: 1 strand Merino Wool, 1 strand Fun Fur in Raspberry  
Rounds 43 – end: 2 strands Merino Wool

**Alternate version** (more fur stripes):

CO-round 7: 2 strands Merino Wool  
Rounds 8-10: 1 strand Merino Wool, 1 strand Fun Fur in Raspberry  
Rounds 11-15: 2 strands Merino Wool  
Rounds 16-18: 1 strand Merino Wool, 1 strand Fun Fur in Soft Pink  
Rounds 19-23: 2 strands Merino Wool  
Rounds 24-26: 1 strand Merino Wool, 1 strand Fun Fur in Raspberry  
Rounds 27-31: 2 strands Merino Wool  
Rounds 32-34: 1 strand Merino Wool, 1 strand Fun Fur in Soft Pink  
Rounds 35-39: 2 strands Merino Wool  
Rounds 40-42: 1 strand Merino Wool, 1 strand Fun Fur in Raspberry  
Rounds 43-47: 2 strands Merino Wool  
Rounds 48-50: 1 strand Merino Wool, 1 strand Fun Fur in Soft Pink  
Rounds 51 – end: 2 strands Merino Wool