



city girl **DUFFEL**

A felted take on the canvas gym bag, the City Girl Duffel has an extra-long strap so it can be slung across the body or shortened with a tie and worn like a purse. The roomy interior holds workout gear, water bottle, and other essentials, and its sturdy construction ensures the bag will hold up to lots of wear. The pattern calls for a single strand of yarn, but if you plan on using the City Girl Duffel daily, opt for a double strand, as the final product will have more weight and last longer.

Finished Size

16" (40.5 cm) long
and 25½" (65 cm)
circumference after
felting, with 39"
(99 cm) strap.

Yarn

Worsted-weight (Medium #4) 100% wool: 300 yd (273 m) each light gray and dark gray, and 350 yd (319 m) in green.

Shown here:

Pick Up Sticks Felting Yarn (100% wool; 220 yd [201 m]/3.5 oz): smoke (light gray), charcoal (dark gray), and celery (green), 2 balls each.

NOTE: To work the bag with a double strand of yarn, purchase twice as much of each color.

Needles

Size 10 (6 mm): straight, 24" (40 cm) circular (cir), and set of 5 double-pointed (dpns); 1 straight needle in any size smaller than size 10 (6 mm).

Notions

2 split-ring stitch markers; tapestry needle; safety pins or straight pins; 18" (45.5 cm) closed-bottom zipper in coordinating color; matching thread; sewing needle; mesh laundry bag or pillowcase with zipper.

Gauge

16 sts and 20 rows = 4" (10 cm) in St st before felting. If your gauge produces more sts per inch, use a larger needle to obtain the correct gauge; if your gauge produces fewer sts per inch, there is no need to adjust needle size. (For more on gauge and felting, see page 107).

NOTES:

- The body of the bag is knit in one long piece and bound off. Stitches are picked up along the side edges and knitted into a circle, creating the bag's distinctive cylindrical shape.
- The contrasting color ridges are knitted-in "tucks," which give the bag extra stability and help it hold its shape (like boning in a corset).
- The strap is worked at twice the desired finished width, then folded in half and seamed for more durability.