

RECYCLE TOTE

STUFF

13 skeins in #84 Black/Grey (MC) of Ecologico by Schachenmayr Nomotta/Westminster Yarns Fibers, Inc., 1³/₄oz/50g, 87yd/80m, (wool)

2 skeins #81 Ecru/Grey (CC)

One size 10 (6mm) 24"/60cm circular needle OR SIZE TO GET THE GAUGE

Size K-10¹/₂ (6.5mm) crochet hook

1yd/1m cotton canvas lining fabric

1yd/1m 2"/5cm wide cotton webbing

Sewing thread and needle

Sewing machine (optional)



Shown on page 33.

MEASUREMENTS

19" x 15" x 7"/48cm x 38cm x 18cm

GAUGE

16 sts and 22 rows to 4"/10cm over St st (pre-felting).

BE SURE TO GET THE GAUGE.

MAKE THE BAG

■ With MC, cast on 106 sts.

Work in St st until piece measures 59"/150cm. Bind off.

Fold bag in half (bring cast-on edge to bound-off edge), sew side seams. Beginning at a side seam, pick up and k sts at edge as follows: *pick up and k 6 sts, pick up and k next 2 sts together. Repeat from * around—182 sts.

Next rnd Purl.

Next rnd Knit.

Continue working rnds of garter st for 3 more rnds. Bind off all sts.

MAKE SIX ARROWS

■ With crochet hook and CC, ch 2.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Work 3 sc in st, ch 1, turn.

Row 3 Work 2 sc in first st, sc to last st, 2 sc in last st, ch 1, turn.

Repeat last row 5 times.

Row 9 Work 3 sl sts, ch 1, work 9 sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 10 Sk 1, work 8 sc across.

Repeat last row 22 times. Fasten off.

FINISH THE BAG

■ Form gussets at bottom of bag as foll: mark side seam of bag 10¹/₂"/26.5cm up from bottom corner, bring bottom corner to mark and tack

in place. Spread gusset to make bottom of bag flat, tack around outside of triangular gusset. Rep for other side.

felt the pieces

■ Felt by hand or machine—sample was felted in a front-loading washer on a hot/cold cycle with 1 T dishwashing detergent and ½ c. baking soda, more than one cycle may be needed to achieve desired results. Steam block pieces to shape.

■ Using photo for reference, fold arrows and pin to bag in shape of recycling logo on each side. Sew in place.

line the bag

■ Using felted bag measurements as a guide, sew a lining for the bag, ½"/1.5cm shorter than bag. Cut webbing into two 18"/45.5cm pieces. Sew ends of straps to bag, 4"/10cm apart on each side. Place lining inside bag, sew in place around top. ☐