



QUINLAN VISUAL ARTS CENTER

Fabulous Felted Purses

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Ever accidentally wash a wool sweater and find it "ruined" much smaller and denser than when you began? Well that is what felting is all about. We will focus on creating a felted handbag in this course.

Yarn- You will need 300 yards of a 100% wool yarn. **It has to be 100% wool if it is going to felt properly, no blends.** Also, try and stay away from white yarn. Sometimes the bleaching process for whites will affect its ability to felt. If you are not sure, swatch the yarn, wash it with your laundry (warm or hot water) and see if it shrinks down and becomes more dense.

You can either select a heavy worsted to bulky weight yarn for this bag, or you can double strand two different worsted weight yarns for a "tweedy" effect.

Needles- Size U.S. #9-#10.5 check the ball band on your yarn for recommended needle size. If using double stranded worsted, use #9 needles. Everyone has a different gauge, no two bags will come out exactly the same.

Odds and ends- Tapestry needle, stitch holders (looks like a big safety pin) crochet hook (same size as needles) and scissors with small bag to hold them in. Lingerie bag or zippered pillow case (for felting your handbag so fuzzies don't get all over the inside of your washing machine.) A decorative button that matches your yarn (about 1" in diameter.)

Local Yarn Shops:

Twisted Skeins
124-A Washington Street (Hwy. 197)
Clarkesville, GA 30523
(706) 754-7048

Knitch
1052 Saint Charles Ave NE
Atlanta, GA 30306
(404) 745-9276
www.knitchknitting.com

Knots of Yarn
2360 Bethelview Rd
Cumming, GA 30040
(770) 887-0311
www.knotsofyarn.com

Online:
www.knitpicks.com