# Swirly Felted Glasses Case

*This felted case uses up scraps of colorful fingering weight yarn for needlefelted swirls and a pocket on the back for a pen, bookmark, or crochet hook.*

## Materials

80 yards/35 grams Patons Classic Wool (100% wool, 100g, 223 yds/204 m)

30 yards scrap sock yarn (7 grams)

1 set 4mm/US 6 double pointed needles

2  2mm/US 0 straight or double pointed needles

## Gauge

Case: 20 sts/27 rows = 4"

Pocket: 34 sts/52 rows = 4"

## Notions

Marker, 1 snap, tapestry needle, sewing needle, thread, needle felting tools

## Three-Needle Bindoff

Position an equal number of stitches on two straight needles, then line up front and back needles with working yarn on the right.

Slip third needle into first stitch on front needle as if to knit, then beyond into first stitch on back needle as if to knit. Knit these two stitches together and slip to right needle.

Repeat for the two second stitches, then pull original stitch on right needle over the second, as with the usual bindoff.  Repeat to end of row, then cut tail and pull through.



## Directions

Using 4mm/US 6 needles, cast on 7 sts to work flat.

Setup Row: *K1, P1; repeat from * to last st, K1.

Repeat Setup 14 times more, or until 2.25" from cast on.

Row 1: Cast on 7 sts purlwise, [P1, K1] 7 times – 14 sts.

Row 2: Cast on 7 sts knitwise, [P1, K1] 10 times, P1 – 21 sts.

Row 3: [P1, K1] 10 times, P1.

Repeat row 3 12 times more.

Cast on 21 sts knitwise.

Row 4: [K1, P1] 21 times. Place marker and join work.

Round 1: [P1, K1] 21 times.

Round 2: [K1, P1] 21 times.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 once more.

Round 5: Knit.

Repeat Row 5 until piece measures 9" from Row 4.  Rearrange sts on two needles so that first 21 sts are on one and the second 21 on the other. Close bottom of case using three-needle bindoff, cut tail, and run in ends.

## Felting

Rub a little laundry or dishwashing soap into the glasses case and machine wash in hot water until pouch of case measures (or can be stretched to) about 6.25" long and 3.5" wide.  Pull end strap to measure 2" long. Air dry.

## Pocket

Using 2mm/US 0 needles, cast on 40 sts.

Rows 1, 3: [K1, P1] 20 times.

Row 2: [P1, K1] 20 times.

Row 4: P1, K1, P1, K to last 2 sts, P1, K1.

Row 5: K1, P1, K1, P to last 2 sts, K1, P1.

Repeat Rows 4 and 5 12 times more or until 2.25" from cast on.

Repeat Row 2, then Row 3, then Row 2 again.

Cast off purlwise and cut a 40" tail.





## Felting Tips

Exposed edges and long straps will often stretch out during felting, unlike enclosed areas such as the bottom of the pocket. Working the strap and flap in seed stitch helps to stabilize them.

Depending on your machine, you may have to run the case through more than one cycle to achieve the correct measurements.

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**Finishing**

1. Stitch one side of snap to outside of narrow front strap.

2. Fold strap in half such that the snap is now on the inside; stitch the sides of the strap shut.

3. Stitch second side of snap onto front of pouch to line up with the first side.



1.



2.



3.

Using the 40" tail, stitch sides and bottom of pocket onto back of needle case, positioning it approximately half an inch from the bottom.

Cut strips of scrap sock yarn in various colours and lengths, and position them randomly in swirls across front and back of case.

Working over a thick protective surface such as several layers of towelling or a needlefelting base, stab them into place using needlefelting tools.

And be careful! Those things are sharp.



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