

PRACTICAL POMPON BAG

Rico's Pompon yarn is still a popular choice for creating unusual, textured knits and you definitely won't find a bag like this on the high street! The yarn is knitted using a special technique that's easy to learn, just make sure you knit the strands and not the bobbles.

LEARN TO KNIT WITH RICO POMPON

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHhR-gcrUF4>

SIZE

Approx. 38 x 25 cm

MATERIALS

- 800 g Pompon yarn, (Illustrated in shade 004 Teal)
- 3.75 mm knitting needles
- a pair of bag handles
- matching sewing cotton

TENSION

4 Pompons across and 8 Pompons deep should measure approx 10 cm x 10 cm.

FRONT & BACK (alike)

Cast on 10 sts using the two needle method

Knit two rows as follows:

Row 1: Knit the first stitch, then place the first Pompon

Continue in this way across the row, placing Pompons after every odd-numbered stitch, so at the end of the row, the same thread knits the last stitch of each row and the first of the following.

Row 2: Knit all stitches, holding the Pompon between the index and middle finger each time. There will be 5 Pompons across each row.

From the third row onwards increase two sts at the start of each row until there are 30 stitches on the needle, i.e. 15 Pompons.

Continue straight until work measures 25 cm.

Cast off.

SIDE GUSSET

Cast on 12 sts using the two needle method

Knit approx. 78 cm using the method described above.

Cut the yarn leaving a long thread and draw it through the stitches to tighten.

MAKING UP

Dampen the pieces of the back and block as necessary to the correct size. With the sewing thread, join side gusset to outside of front and back pieces. Sew the handles onto the bag, as shown.