

This was inspired by a backpack on the "Teen Scene" episode of Knitty Gritty. My daughter liked the backpack on the program, but I couldn't find the pattern so I improvised, allowing Princess to choose colors and features.

Funky Felted Backpack Body:

MC- Patons Classic Wool Rosewood

CC1- Patons Classic Wool Plum Heather

CC2- Patons Classic Wool Petal Pink

Needle: size 17 circular

With 1 strand each MC and CC1, cast on 95 stitches and join to knit in the round. Knit 20 rows. Change to 1 strand each MC and CC2; knit 20 rows. Repeat color sequence once, then knit an additional stripe of MC and CC1 combination. Seam up the bottom of the tube to create the body of the backpack.

Strap:

MC- Patons Classic Wool, Light Grey Marble

CC- Vanna's Glamour, Platinum

Knifty Knitter Spool Loom

With 1 strand each MC and CC, use wide end of spool loom to create a strap approximately 56 inches long. Bind off.

Assembly:

With large needles (I used size 50), poke 10 even spaced holes in around the top edge of the body of the backpack approximately 3 inches from top (open) edge, with two of the holes at center of body. Crochet or whipstitch around holes to maintain definition. Poke 2 holes at lower center back approximately 3-4 inches apart, aligned with two holes in upper body of backpack. Thread strap through upper holes and join them at the lower holes to create drawstring top and back straps, being careful not to twist the strap tube. Felt to desired size (I did two cycles in the washer.)