



Woven Tote

You will need:

Loom – Knitters Loom 50cm(20ins)

Reed – 7-5dpi (30/10cm)

Warp & Weft Yarn – Ashford Tekapo 8ply/DK yarn (100% wool; 200m/218yds; 100gms net)

Warp Yarn Qty & Colour – Ashford Tekapo 8ply/DK yarn #001 Black 2; #051 Grape 1; #009 Dark Red 1; #050 Moss 1

Weft Yarn Qty & Colour – Ashford Tekapo 8ply/DK yarn #001 Black 1

Other: Tapestry needle #24; Poly-cotton lining Black 2 pieces each 50 x 50cm (20 x 20ins); 2 pieces each of 3mm Dacron 50x 50cm (20x 20ins); 8mm Double Pointed Needles – set of 2; 4mm Double Pointed Needles – set of 2; Matching sewing thread; Tacking thread; Scissors; Sewing machine; Cardboard 5 x 50cm (2 x 20ins) long; Sewing pins; Large decorative button

Here's how:

Total warp ends – 260 doubled in each slot and hole

Total warp length – 1.8m/(2yds)

Finished width – 41cm/(16ins)

Warping:

Warp double threads through each slot and eye in the following sequence: 13 slots and 13 eyes Black; 1 slot and 1 eye Moss; 5 slots and 5 eyes Dark Red; 1 slot and 1 eye Moss; 1 slot and 1 eye Black; 6 slots and 6 eyes Grape; 1 slot and 1 eye Moss; 5 slots and 5 eyes Dark Red; 1 slot and 1 eye Black; 1 slot and 1 eye Moss; 7 slots and 7 eyes Grape; 1 slot and 1 eye Black; 1 slot and 1 eye Moss; 4 slots and 4 eyes Dark Red; 1 slot and 1 eye Black; 1 slot and 1 eye Moss; 4 slots and 4 eyes Grape; 1 slot and 1 eye Black; 4 slots and 4 eyes Dark Red; 1 slot and 1 eye Moss; 5 slots and 5 eyes Black

Weaving:

Plain weave in #001 Black (Single thread on shuttle) Weave 50cm (20ins), then place the cardboard in shed and continue weaving for another 50cm (20ins)

Finishing:

Remove the weaving from the loom and secure all ends with a zigzag stitch. Remove cardboard and cut between the two pieces. Hand wash in warm water and a little liquid soap, lay flat to dry. When still a little damp, cover with a soft cotton cloth and press with a warm iron (wool setting). (The bottom of the bag is the wider stripe or section of black weaving.) Cut two pieces of Dacron and lining the same size as the finished weaving pieces

Measure the centre of each piece of weaving & place a tack thread (I-cord closure). Place one marker on both sides of each side of the weaving for buttonholes (Handle) – 12cm (4.3/4ins) from side seam & 4 rows in Dark Red stripe

Tack the Dacron onto the wrong side of both pieces of weaving. Pin together the weaving with right sides facing, ensuring that the stripes are matching. Sew a 6mm (1/4in) seam. To create the curved bottom, sew a half circle at the end of each side. Trim away the



Dacron approx 3mm (1/8 in) from seam. Turn inside out.

Sew together the lining ensuring that it is the same size as the bag. Turn bag and lining inside out. Place the bag and lining with right sides together. Stitch around the top to join the two pieces, leaving a 20cm (8ins) opening. Trim away the Dacron. Turn the pieces through the opening and hand stitch together. Press the bag inside and out with iron on wool setting.

Make buttonholes at the markers – 2cm (3/4in) long. Cut inside of the buttonhole and bound stitch around the hole using Ashford Tekapo #001 Black

Handle:

With 2 8mm double pointed needles, cast on 7 stitches with Ashford Tekapo #001 Black. (Turn work, K4, yarn forward, S13 sts purlwise). Repeat these instructions until the work measures 1.50m (5ft). Work last row as: K2 tog, K1, CO 1 st, K1, CO 1 st, P1, CO 1 st, P2 tog, CO 1 st. Cut thread & sew through last stitch to secure.

Felting Handle:

Felt twice in washing machine using hot water cycle. Allow to dry completely.

I-cord for closure:

Using 2 4mm double pointed needles, cast on 4 stitches. * Knit across. Slide stitches to the other end of needle without turning. Shift the needle to your left hand. Pull yarn firmly across back. Repeat from* until cord measures 30cm (12ins). To finish, cut yarn and pull through all stitches.

Assembling handle & closure:

Take one of the lengths of felted cord and place through the bound buttonhole. Tie a knot to secure. Repeat until both felted cords are placed for the handles.

Take the piece of I-cord and sew onto one side of the bag (centre marker) into a figure of 8, ensuring that the loop is big enough to go around the decorative button. Sew on button.