# Stitch Please™

# Felted Baskets

**Type** : Knit

**Level** : Intermediate

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## Materials
Premier® Yarns *Stitch Please™ Chunky* (100% Wool; 3.5oz/100g, 120yds/110m)
- 1135-33 Oat of This World - 1 skein (Small)
- 1135-02 Stay Gold - 2 skeins (Large)

## Needles
US Size 11 (8 mm) 24" circular needle, *or size needed to obtain gauge*

## Notions
Tapestry needle
Stitch markers in two different colors
Leather, at least 3½ x 4"
Sewing needle and thread to match leather
Awl or other sharp object

## Sizes
Small (Large)

## Finished Measurements
**Width:** 8½ (12½)"
**Height:** 8½ (12½)"

## Gauge
12 sts x 16 rows = 4" in St st UNFELTED
***Save time, check your gauge.***

## Pattern Notes
These Baskets are worked from the bottom up. They begin with a rectangular base worked flat and then stitches are picked up from around the base and worked in the round. Once the knitting is complete, it is felted and then leather is sewn onto the handles.

## Pattern Stitch Guide
**Garter Stitch** *(any number of sts)*
Knit every row.

**Stockinette Stitch (St st)** *(any number of sts)*
Knit every rnd.

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## Basket Instructions

Cast on 32 (44, 56) sts. Work even in **Garter st** for 48 (66, 84) rows (24, 33, 42 ridges). Do not turn your work at the end of the last row.

Working along the short edge of the rectangle, pick up and knit 24 (33, 42) sts (one st for each ridge), pm, pick up and knit 32 (44, 56) sts along cast-on edge of rectangle, pm, working along short edge, pick up and knit 24 (33, 42) sts (one st for each ridge), pm, knit across 32 (44, 56) sts, place marker in a second color to mark the beginning of the rnd – 112 (154, 196) sts.

**Rnds 1-12:** Knit.
**Dec Rnd:** *K2tog, knit to 2 sts before the next marker, ssk, sm; rep from * around – 8 sts dec'd. Rep Dec Rnd every 13th rnd, 2 (3, 4) more times – 88 (122, 156) sts.

## Shape Handles

**Rnd 1:** *K3 (6, 10), bind off 12 (13, 12) sts, knit to marker, sm, k26 (36, 46), sm; rep from * once more.
**Rnd 2:** *K3 (6, 10), using e-wrap cast-on, cast on 12 (13, 12) sts, knit to marker, sm, k26 (36, 46); rep from * once more.

Knit 6 Rnds even.

**I-cord bind off:** Using a knit cast on, *cast on 3 sts, k2, ssk, do not turn. Slip the stitches 3 sts just worked that are now on your right-hand needle onto the left-hand needle; rep from * around until 3 sts remain, k3tog. Cut yarn leaving long tail. Using tail, neatly sew i-cord ends together to make one continuous bound off edge.

## Finishing

Weave in ends. Felt piece in washer or manually in a bucket with hot water and dish soap. Shape piece and allow to dry.

Cut 1 leather piece for each handle, approximately 3½ x 2". Along each edge make holes with awl for easier sewing, space holes ½ - 1" apart. Wrap leather piece around handle and sew in place, rep for other handle.

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## Abbreviations

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| **dec('d)** | decrease(d) |
| **k** | knit |
| **k2tog** | knit 2 sts together (1 st dec'd) |
| **k3tog** | knit 3 sts together (2 sts dec'd) |
| **meas** | measures |
| **pm** | place marker |
| **rep** | repeat(ing) |
| **sm** | slip marker |
| **ssk** | slip slip knit (1 st dec'd) |
| **st(s)** | stitch(es) |