Run-About
Three-pocket Felted Handbag
by Jean Sattler

A fun, highly functional handbag. The creative design and simple construction give you three pockets to keep you organized while you're on the go … making this the bag you grab as you run out the door to run about.

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CO 66 sts.
Being careful not to twist, join stitches and work circular for 50 Rounds.
BO 33 Stitches

Work Flap as follows:
Work 33 sts back and forth in Stockinette St for 26 rows, knitting the first two and last two sts each row.
On the following Knit Rows, decrease one st each side inside garter st edging. Purl inside garter stitch edge on alternate rows.

Continue decreasing two sts each side until 20 sts are left. BO all sts.

Laying flat with flap at the top, be sure that bag is folded with the grain, crochet bottom closed.

Make inside tube by casting on 66 sts. Knit 50 rounds BO all sts.
Turn bag with flap inside out, place inside tube on top lining up side and top edges. Sew the bags together down one side across the bottom and up the other side. Turn bag right side out.

Join yarn at top side of bag by picking up five stitches with a Double-Pointed Needle. Work I-cord for 52 inches. Fasten handle to other top side of bag.

Bag is ready for first Fulling (felting)

Make Flower:
For each petal (Make five in one color and five in another) use a size 4 needle to CO three sts with a simple over-the-thumb method.
Row 1:   Purl
Row 2:   K1, Knit increasing one st in each of the next sts. (5 sts)
Row 3:   Purl
Row 4:   Knit
Row 5:   Purl
Row 6:   ssk, K1, P2 tog (three sts)
Row 7:   Purl
Row 8:   sl1, K2tog, psso, and fasten off

Leaves are made the same as the petals. Make stem of three st I-Cord for 2 to 3 inches.

To assemble, arrange five petals with points outward, Sew in place. Arrange five more petals on top with point inward on top of the first five sew in place. Add stem and leaves as desired, sew in place.

Because Mauch Chunky is a single ply yarn, it may untwist when sewing. To correct this, just stretch out the yarn, and twirl counter clockwise to add twist back to yarn.

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Now bag is ready for second fulling. Run bag through machine just like the first time.
Pull into shape and allow to dry.

COMMONLY USED KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS

beg	begin	**M1**	make one (increase 1 stitch)	**ssk**	slip 1, slip1, knit 2 slipped stitches together
BO	bind off	**MC**	main color	**st st**	stockinette (stocking) stitch (1 row K, 1 row P)
CC	contrasting color	**P**	purl	**st(s)**	stitch(es)
CN	cable needle	**p2sso**	pass 2 slipped stitches over	**tbl**	through back of loop
CO	cast on, cast off	**P2tog**	purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)	**tog**	together
cont	continue	**patt rep(s)**	pattern repeat(s)	**WS**	wrong side
dec(s)	decrease(s)/decreasing	**patt(s)**	pattern(s)	**wyib**	with yarn in back
dpn	double-pointed needles	**PM**	place marker	**wyif**	with yarn in front
g st	garter stitch (K every row)	**psso**	pass slipped stitch over	**yo**	yarn over
inc(s)	increase(s)/increasing	**pwise**	purlwise	**yon**	yarn over needle
K	knit	**rem**	remain(ing)	**( )**	repeat instructions in parantheses number of times
K1, s1, psso	knit one, slip one, pass slipped stitch over	**rep**	repeat		indicated
K2tog	knit 2 together	**RH**	right hand	*****	repeat instructions following asterisk as indicated or
K2tog tbl	knit 2 together through back loop	**rnd(s)**	round(s)		until end of row
kwise	knitwise	**RS**	right side	**[ ]**	instructions in square brackets refer to larger sizes
LH	left hand	**sl**	slip		