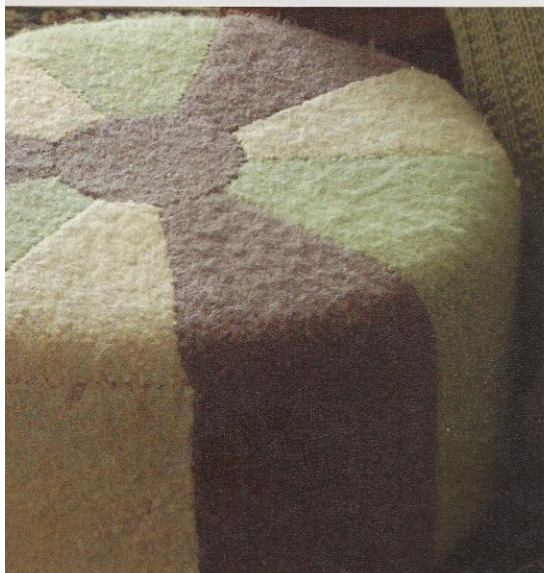


FELTED OTTOMAN COVER

An easy project suitable for a beginner knitter, the pieces are knitted, felted then cut to shape.



YARN
Ella Rae Classic

Colour	No.	Quantity x 100g balls
col A	12	2
col B	06	2
col C	08	2

MEASUREMENTS

After Felting:

Circumference 130 cm

Diameter 45 cm

Depth 20 cm

NEEDLES

1 pair 4.50mm needles (USA 7)(UK 7)

Foam cut to size

Elastic

TENSION

20 sts and 24 rows measured over 10cm (approx 4") of st st using 4.50mm needles.

Piece 1 (Make 3 in col A, 3 in col B and 3 in col C)

Using 4.50mm needles, cast on 30 sts.

Work in st st until length measures 25 cm, ending on a WS row.

Cast off.

Piece 2 (Make 3 in col A, 3 in col B and 3 in col C)

Using 4.50mm needles, cast on 30 sts.

Work in st st until length measures 20 cm, ending on a WS row.

Cast off.

Piece 3 (Make 1 in col A)

Using 4.50mm needles, cast on 24 sts.

Work in st st until length measures 13 cm, ending on a WS row.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Double felt all pieces separately (see method pg 50).

Using pattern pieces provided, enlarge to size and cut out.

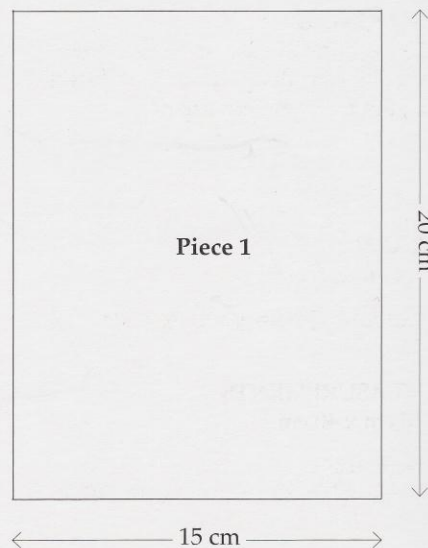
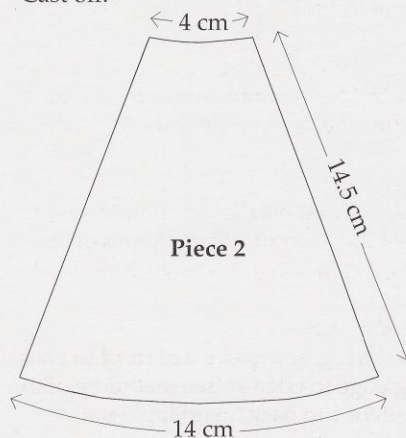
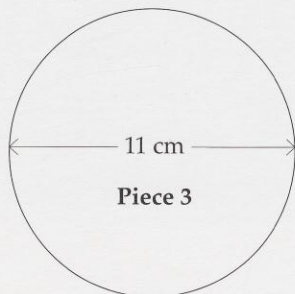
Edge to edge st is used to sew all pieces tog (see method pg 50).

Sew side pieces tog (piece 1), alternating colours.

Note: It is easier to sew cover onto foam as you go as it needs to be stretched and fit firmly.

Lay top pieces in correct position to correspond with side pieces and sew tog. Sew centre piece.

Sew elastic around edge of cover base to hold cover in place.





WASHING It is recommended that you use a top-loading washing machine. You will need to check the progress at intervals to control the shrinkage. Some newer models of front loaders are suitable, so long as they allow you to open the door during the wash cycle. In preparation for washing, tie off or darn any loose ends very securely to avoid them coming apart during the process.

BAGS To stop the top of the bag from “buckling” out of shape, using a yarn that will not felt (i.e. cotton, silk or synthetic yarn), sew top edges of back and front together using a slip st, taking care to only catch the very edge of the bag on each side—you want to have as little of the fabric touching as possible to avoid the risk of the two edges fusing together during the washing process. Remove this yarn after felting.

Place the knitted items in the machine and set it for a low water level, normal cycle, and hot water wash. Add a small amount of washing detergent and run through a full washing cycle, checking the progress at regular intervals to make sure it is not shrinking too much. Depending on the machine used, it may be necessary to repeat the wash/rinse cycle once more to achieve the required results. The finished item should be felted enough so that no stitch definition is visible on either side.

DRYING After the pieces have been felted, it may be necessary to stretch the pieces into shape to achieve the recommended size. Pull and stretch so that the shape is even all the way around and measurements are correct. It is quite easy to manipulate the fabric when it is still damp. It is also possible to use a hot iron on the fabric to get rid of unwanted creases or to manipulate things back into shape. Air dry thoroughly.

FINISHING Once the fabric is felted and dry, it is possible to cut the fabric without the risk of it unraveling. In some cases this may be necessary to achieve the shape or dimensions preferred.



The accessories used throughout have been obtained from good craft stores. There is also a good source of supplies online.

