



Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand® Lion® Wool
School Colors Felted Laptop Sleeve
Pattern Number: 70520AD



This simple slip-on cover is secured with a strap made in a contrasting color. Carry it by itself or slip it in your briefcase or bag to protect your laptop.

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SKILL LEVEL: Beginner

SIZE: Varies

Pattern fits a laptop 9 inches (22.9 cm) tall x 12.25 inches (31 cm) wide x 1.25 (3.2 cm) deep. Size is adjustable.

CORRECTIONS: None

MATERIALS

- 820-099 Lion Brand Lion Wool Yarn: Winter White
3 Balls (A)
- 820-113 Lion Brand Lion Wool Yarn: Scarlet
1 Ball (B)
- Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 8 [5 mm]
- Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)
- Additional Materials
2 1-inch (2.5 cm) rectangle rings (available at hobby stores in the section of materials for making purses or jewelry)

GAUGE:

22 sts x 28 rows = 4 in. (10 cm) in Stockinette stitch **BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you less stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

NOTES:

Sizing

Laptops vary quite a lot in size; this pattern can easily be adapted to any size, providing you follow the rules below. Knitting that is being felted shrinks more in the vertical direction than in the horizontal direction. Your piece, before felting, should be 1.5 times as tall as you need on the finished vertical dimension and 1.2 times as wide as needed on the horizontal dimension.

Thus, to fit a laptop that is 9 inches (23 cm) tall, the piece needs to be 9 inches (23 cm) x 1.5 or 13.5 inches (34 cm) deep before felting. If your laptop is 10 inches (25.5 cm), the vertical dimension will be 10 inches (25.5 cm) x 1.5 or 15 inches (38 cm). To fit a laptop that

is 12.25 inches (31 cm) wide, the piece needs to be 12.25 inches (31 cm) x 1.2 or about 14.75 (37.5 cm) inches wide before felting. If your laptop is 13 inches (33 cm) wide, the piece will need to be 13 inches (33 cm) x 1.2 or 15.6 inches (84 cm) wide.

The final sizing can also be controlled to some extent by how much you felt the piece -- start out gently and then use hotter water and more agitation if the sleeve is too large.

LAPTOP SLEEVE

Front

With A, cast on 80 sts

Beginning with a knit row, work in Stockinette (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) until piece measures 13.5 in. (34.5 cm), end with a right side row. Knit the next (wrong side) row rather than purling it to make a turning ridge where the front folds to become the bottom.)

This is the end of the front portion of the sleeve.

Bottom

Work 12 rows in Stockinette stitch, end with a right side row. This is the end of the bottom portion of the sleeve.

Back

Knit the next row rather than purling it. At the end of the row, cast on an additional 10 stitches for a total of 90 sts.

This is the start of one of the side flaps.

Knit the next row and, at the end of the row, cast on an additional 10 stitches for a total of 100 stitches. This is the start of the other side flap.

Continue in Stockinette stitch until the vertical edge of the side pieces measures 13.5 in. (34.5 cm), end with a right side row.

On the next row, bind off the first 10 stitches, then knit to the end of the row rather than purling it -- 90 sts.

On the next row, bind off the first 10 stitches, then knit to the end of the row - 80 sts.

This is the end of the back portion of the sleeve.

Top

Work 12 rows in Stockinette stitch, end with a right side row.

Knit the next (wrong side) row rather than purling it..

This is the end of the top portion of the sleeve

Front Flap

Continue in Stockinette stitch for 6 in. (15 cm), end with a wrong side row.

Next row (knit row): K2tog, knit to last 2 sts; k2tog -- 78 stitches.

Next row (purl row): P2tog, purl to last 2 sts; p2tog -- 76 stitches

Next row (knit row): K2tog, knit to last 2 sts; k2tog -- 74 stitches.

Next row (purl row): P2tog, purl to last 2 sts; p2tog -- 72 stitches

Bind off, weave in ends.

Strap

With B, cast on 72 stitches.

Rows 1-12: Knit

Bind off, weave in ends.

Finishing

Seam front and back at sides, seaming lower edge of front to bound-off sts of back.

Felting

Felting is a process whereby the wool is deliberately handled so that it is matted into a fabric. Wool fibers have scales and are also crimped. When these fibers are wetted and softened and then rubbed together they grab each other and are permanently bound together. This happens when you put a wool item in a washer and agitate it -- it comes out much smaller and also denser, because the fibers have bound together.

Finished item size depends on how much the piece is felted. Keep in mind that you can always felt more, but once felting is done, it is not reversible. Wash by machine on a hot wash/cold rinse cycle with detergent and several pieces of clothing to agitate. At the end of the wash cycle try the item to see how well it fits. If you like it, stop! Place it flat to shape and let dry. If it is larger than you want, you can felt it additionally, if you dry by machine on a regular setting until almost dry. Remove from dryer and lie flat to shape. Steam if desired.

If the item is still too large, you can felt it additionally by washing again. Felting is often improved by adding about 1/2 cup baking soda to the wash water to increase the alkalinity.

Assembly

Sew one end of strap at top center of back. Sew the 2 rectangular rings, one above the other, at lower edge

of front. Thread free end of strap over one ring and under the other to secure.

Learn to knit instructions: <http://learnToKnit.LionBrand.com>

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**Lion Wool* (Article #820) is a worsted-weight 100% wool. Solid colors are packaged in 3 oz [85 g]/158 yd [144 m] balls; variegated colors are 2 3/4 oz [78 g]/143 yds [131 m]



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