

Free Crochet Pattern Lion Brand® Lion Wool Crochet Felted Guitar Strap Pattern Number: BK4K-70428



Note: Knit version shown

Free Crochet Pattern from Lion Brand Yarn Lion Brand[®] Lion Wool **Crochet Felted Guitar Strap**

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SKILL LEVEL: Easy

SIZE: One Size 50 inches x 2.75 (127 cm x 7 cm) before felting

CORRECTIONS: None

MATERIALS

- 820-110 Lion Brand Lion Wool: Cadet Blue 1 Ball A
- 820-113 Lion Brand Lion Wool: Scarlet 1 Ball B
- 820-099 Lion Brand Lion Wool: Winter White 1 Ball C
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook Size N-13

GAUGE:

12 sc (measured along bias row; Note: final strip width above is measured horizontally across body of strap, not diagonally along the bias) x 12 rows = 4 inches (10 cm). 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:

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Strap is created on the diagonal. Item is crocheted with two strands of yarn held together throughout pattern.

GUITAR STRAP

With two strands of A, Ch 2 Row 1 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook - 1 sc. Row 2 Ch 1, turn. Work 3 sc in one sc. Row 3 Ch 1, turn. Work 2 sc in first st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in last st - 5 sts. Row 4 Ch 1, turn. Work 1 sc in each st across - 5 sts. Row 5 Ch 1, turn. 1 sc in first sc, 2 sc in next st; work to within last 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in last sc - 7 Row 6 Ch 1, turn. Sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, work to within last 3 scs, sc2tog, sc in last sts. Row 7 Ch 1, turn. sc to end. Repeat Rows 6 and 7 until piece measures 30 inches (76 cm) Stripes Next 2 Rows: Change to 2 strands of B, repeat Rows 6 and 7. Do not cut yarn; carry up outside edge Next 2 Rows: Change to 2 strands of C, repeat Rows 6 and 7. Do not cut yarn; carry up outside edge Repeat stripe rows until piece measures 49 inches (23 cm), ending with a B stripe. Cut C. Next Row: Ch 1, turn. 1 sc in first sc, sc2tog, work to within last 3 sc, sc2tog, sc in last sc - 5 sts Next Row: Work even Next Row: Ch 1, turn. 1 sc in first sc, sc2tog, work to within last 3 scs, sc2tog, sc in last sc - 3 sts Next Row: Work even Next Row: Ch 1, turn. 1 sc in first sc, sc2tog, 2 sts Next Row: Sc2tog, fasten off and cut, leaving a 24 inch (61 cm) tail.

FINISHING:

Cut one piece each of B and C, 48 inches [122 cm] long. Thread pieces in half, through the end of the Guitar Strap, so that there are 6 pieces of yarn, 24 (61 cm) inches in length. Using two strands of C together and two each of B, braid strands together then fasten off. This is the tie for the neck of the instrument. Work in any loose ends of yarn; trim. After felting, trim edges if desired, cut slit in the blue end for the peg on the bottom of the guitar.

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 strap 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 measure the item. 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 strap 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.

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*<u>Lion Wool</u> (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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