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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 Knitting Needles- Size 13 [9 mm]

#### GAUGE:

12 stitches (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] in garter stitch (knit every row) 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:

Strap is created with diagonal knitting. Item is knitted with two strands of yarn held together throughout pattern.

#### GUITAR STRAP

With two strands of A, cast on 5 stitches

**Row 1:** Knit into the front and back of next stitch (increase made), knit to end - 6 stitches.

**Row 2:** Slip first stitch as if to purl, knit into the front and back of next stitch, knit to end - 7 stitches.

**Row 3:** Slip first stitch, knit into the front and back of next stitch, knit to end - 8 stitches.

**Row 4:** Slip first stitch, knit into the front and back of next stitch, knit to end - 9 stitches.

**Row 5:** Slip first stitch, knit into the front and back of next stitch, knit to end - 10 stitches.

**Row 6:** Slip first stitch, knit to end.

**Row 7:** Slip first stitch, knit into the front and back of next stitch, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, knit two together (decrease made), knit 1 - 10 stitches.

Repeat Rows 6 and 7 until piece measures 30 inches (76 cm)

**Next 2 Rows:** Change to 2 strands of B held together and repeat Rows 6 - 7, Do not cut yarn. **Next Row:** Change to 2 strands of C held together. Slip first stitch as if to purl, carry B and C to the wrong side (WS) of work. With C only, knit into the front and back of next stitch, knit to end, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, knit two together, knit 1 - 10 stitches.

**Next Row:** Slip first stitch as if to purl, knit to end or row.

#### Stripe Rows

**Next Row:** Slip first stitch, carry strands of B and C to the wrong side (WS) of the work. With B, knit into the front and back of next stitch, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, knit two together, knit 1 - 10 stitches.

**Next Row:** Slip first stitch, knit to end.

**Next Row:** Slip first stitch, carry B and C to the wrong side (WS) of the work. With C, knit into the front and back of next stitch, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, knit two together, knit 1 - 10 stitches.

**Next Row:** Slip first stitch, knit to end.

Repeat stripe rows, alternating rows of B and C, until piece measures 49 inches [23 cm], ending with a row of B. Cut C.

**Next Row:** Slip first stitch, knit two together, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, knit two together, knit 1 - 8 stitches.

**Next Row:** Slip first stitch, knit two together, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, knit two together, knit 1 - 6 stitches.

**Next Row:** Slip first stitch, knit two together, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, knit two together, knit 1 - 4 stitches.

**Next Row:** Slip first stitch, knit two together, knit 1 - 3 stitches.

**Next Row:** Slip first stitch, knit two together - 2 stitches.

**Next Row:** Knit two together -1 stitch. Pull yarn through remaining loop, fasten off, 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 inches (61 cm) 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 soaker. 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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\**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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