There is nothing more fun than skating outdoors! It’s a better workout than skating on the smooth wooden floor of the rink, you get to see people, and you can hit the trails (or sidewalks) without worrying that your coach is going to scream for push-ups at any minute.

The only bad part about skating outside, is the awkward question of “Where do I put my stuff?” Keeping your purse and shoes in the car is an option, but sometimes skating to your destination trail, or city sidewalk, can be a bit treacherous. That’s where On the Move comes in. A big easy felted bag, it’s tough enough to tote your skates in while you walk to your skating destination, and once you’re there, toss your shoes, your keys, and your purse inside the bag! Sling it over your shoulder, and see how light and easy it is to skate with!

This bag is knit from the bottom up in two easy pieces, felted for extra durability, and then needle felted with logos, numbers, or names to make it personalized! It knits up quickly, and is so simple you can easily watch TV or chat on the phone while working on it!

**FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**
Finished Height: 12" [30.5cm] (with flap down)
Finished Width: 15" [38cm]
MATERIALS
Patons Classic Merino Wool (100% Wool; 223 yd. [205m] per 3.5 oz [100g] skein), #00226 Black (color A), 2 skeins, and #00230 Bright Red (color B), 2 skeins.
US 9 (5.5 mm) 24” circular needles
4 1½” buttons
Tapestry needle
Heavy-duty black thread
Guitar strap
Chalk
Block of foam (slightly larger than the motif you plan to add to the front flap)
Felting needle
Approximately ¼ ounce of roving, to match color B

GAUGE
17sts and 28 rows = 4” [10cm] in stockinette stitch using size 9 [5.5mm] needles

Leaf Cleaver
Leaf Cleaver is a blocker for the Naptown Roller Girls, known for her aggressive style, and the “impassable booty block” that has become her trademark. She is known as the team cheerleader, and is the first to encourage her teammates when the chips are down.

Cleaver picked up knitting shortly after joining the team. Within a week she had gone from simple scarves to hats and leg warmers. She can be found knitting before bouts, after bouts, at team stitch and bitch nights, and wherever else she can sit still for a moment with two needles and some yarn!
INSTRUCTIONS
With color A, CO 38 sts.
Work in garter stitch (knit all rows) until piece measures 18" [45.5cm].
BO all stitches.
With color B, PU 35 sts on right side, 72 sts on front side, and 35 sts on left side.
Work in St st until bag measures 13" [33cm].
BO all stitches.
With color A, PU 72 sts on back side. Work in St st for 26" [66cm].
BO all sts.
Seam both sides together.

FINISHING
Felt the entire bag. Block it with plastic bags, or use (I kid you not) bricks or a piece of wood to shape the bottom of the bag. Once dry, use a matching color of heavy-duty thread and a sewing needle to create the gathers on the sides of the bag. Pinch sides together in an “m” shape and sew the gathers in place. Add buttons on both front and back of each side. Attach a guitar strap to one button on either side.

EMBEELLISHING
Now you’ll want to add the finishing touch to your bag by needle felting the front flap with your team logo, your number, or any design you want to make! Some team logos are simple enough for needle felting, but if your logo is too intricate for needle felting, customize your bag with your number, initials, or personal insignia.

To customize your bag, make a photocopy of the design you want to create on the flap, keeping in mind that when you transfer it to your bag, it will be a mirror image. On the photocopy, trace your design in chalk. Lay the copy onto the front flap, chalk side down, and rub. The chalk will transfer onto your bag, showing you where to lay your fiber!

Position the front flap on top of your piece of foam. Pull wisps of fiber from the roving, and lay them over your design, where indicated with the chalk outline, and repeatedly stab with the felting needle. Stab through the roving and the front flap, making sure to stab straight up and down. Keep stabbing until your design is fully adhered to the front flap. Your inner tattoo artist will love this! Just make sure to lay a piece of foam under where you are felting so you don’t stab yourself!