



‘OVAL CROCHETED BUCKET BAG’: Clutch Version
Instructions for adapting your Churchmouse Classics ‘Oval Crocheted Bucket Bags and Pouches’ in Wool and the Gang *Ra-Ra Raffia* with a clutch-style handle.

Finished Size: *Clutch:* 8½ x 4½" base x 7" tall/21.5 x 11cm base x 18cm tall.

Yarn: 2 skeins Wool and the Gang *Ra-Ra Raffia* (273 yds/250m each); 1 skein each in 2 colors. Designate Colors A and B.
Or approx. 273 yds/250m in Color A and 50 yds/46m in Color B of an equivalent light worsted-weight paper yarn.

*Please refer to the original pattern for complete instructions.
Only changes are covered in this adaptation.*

Base: With Color A, work base as directed in original pattern following instructions for small bucket bag. [120 sts]

Sides: Continuing with Color A, work sides as directed in original pattern until piece measures approx. 6"/15cm, or desired length, from folding round.
To center color change on side of bag, find center point on short side of oval and place marker. If needed, continue working in Color A to marker. Join Color B (see Special Technique, page 2 of original pattern) and work slotted handle (below).

Slotted Handle: Continuing with Color B, work slotted handle as follows:
Round 1: *SC in next 18 sc, Ch 24 sts maintaining an even tension as you work, skip 24 sc, SC in next 18 sc*; repeat between * * once more. [120 sts]
Round 2: *SC in next 18 sc, SC into back bump of 24 chs, SC in next 18 sc*; repeat between * * once more. [120 sts]
Continue to SC in each sc around until handle measures 1"/2.5cm or desired length. Fasten off, ending with Sl St. Weave in all ends as invisibly as possible.

Blocking: Soak bag and drawstrings for several hours or overnight in tepid water with a little no-rinse wool soap. Gently squeeze out as much moisture as possible. Roll in towel and gently squeeze out more moisture.
Sit bag upright on its base and place a couple of large glass jars inside to help maintain shape of bag as it dries. Let dry overnight, then turn bag upside down over jars to thoroughly dry base.

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