

Cinderella's Jewelled Bag

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Once upon a time there was a young girl called Cinderella who lived with her evil step-mother and ugly stepsisters. She spent her days scrubbing and cleaning; her only joy being her knitting. She would collect scraps of thread and yarn and gems that dropped from the hems of the Ugly Sisters as they swept off to balls without her. After hearing that the Prince was to throw a ball to find his Princess, she set about knitting a bag she dreamt of being able to take to such a ball. She collected all the gems she could find and adorned her bag with these.

And so it was that when the Fairy Godmother brought Cinders' her coach, her dress and her glass slippers, she had a bag for the ball –
And what a bag it was!

RATING

PG Some strong language.

Beading and wire knitting techniques.

YOU WILL NEED

Rowan Kidsilk Haze [70% super kid mohair, 30% silk; 229yd/210m per 25g ball]; #632: Hurricane; 1 ball

Beading wire, 28 gauge [24yd/22m per spool]; colour: silver; 3 spools

Assorted beads, crystals and sequins, 100 in total

Silver-plated wire, 1mm diameter [1.1 yd/1m]

Set of bag handles [13cm/5 inches diameter]

1 set US # 6/4mm straight needles

1 set US #10/6mm straight needles

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Inner wool bag	length:	7 inches	18cm
	height:	6.5 inches	16.5cm
Outer wire bag	length:	8 inches	20cm
	height:	7 inches	18cm



GAUGE

Inner (wool) bag:

21 sts/27 rows = 4"/10cm in garter stitch

Outer (wire) bag:

16 sts/12 rows = 4"/10cm in garter stitch

NOTES ON WORKING WITH WIRE

I used a pair of plastic 6mm needles to knit the wire bag, but metal needles will also work well. The wire can be easily worked on these needles. One word of warning though: the wire did shave my plastic needles, so make sure you use a cheap pair you're not too attached to.

Knitting with beads: just knit the stitch before where you want the bead, slip the bead up so it sits next to the needle and knit the next stitch – voila!

INSTRUCTIONS

INNER WOOL BAG, FRONT AND BACK

Make two alike

The inner bag is worked using two strands of KSH together.

Using 4mm needles and a double strand of Kid Silk Haze, CO 36 sts.

Row 1: Knit

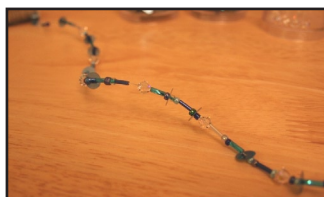
Row 2: Knit

Continue in garter stitch until work measures 17 cm (6.75 inches). Cast off.

OUTER WIRE BAG

Make one only

Pre-string beads/sequins onto wire in a pleasing order. There will be 5 beads per row, so vary the order to ensure that columns of the same beads do not appear in the finished bag.



Using 6mm needles, CO 29 sts.

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Knit

Row 3: Knit, placing 5 beads along length of row

Row 4: Knit

Rows 5–12: Repeat rows 3 and 4 four more times

Rows 13–16: Knit

Row 17: Knit, placing 5 beads along length of row

Row 18: Knit

Rows 19–26: Repeat rows 17 and 18 four more times

Row 27: Knit

Row 28: Knit

Row 29: Cast off.

FINISHING

Sew in all ends on inner wool bag front and back. Using mattress stitch join sides and bottom of front and back sections.

Block wire outer bag by pulling into shape and pinning out if necessary. Fold wire piece in half so that four unbeaded rows are at the base of the bag. Stitch sides of work together using wire.

Cut 2 x 50cm of 1mm wire

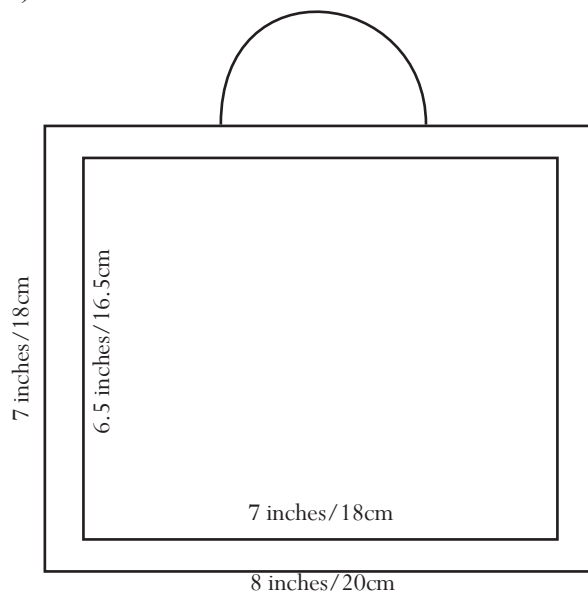
for top edge trim. Feed these through top row of each side of the wire bag. Place wool bag inside wire outer bag. Using the KSH yarn, attach the wool inner bag to the wire outer bag at the top corners (of inner bag) and at two other points along the top edge of each side.

Attach handles by placing inside the wool bag. Stitch one to either side in several places to ensure they do not move. To provide more stability, and to increase ease of opening, you can stitch through to wire bag.

Curl ends of the 1mm wire that has been placed through top edge of either side of bag.



ENJOY!



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