

Fibres  Exotica

# Pouchy Slouchy

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**Difficulty:**

A breeze

**Materials:**

200g (4 skeins) Fibres Exotica Kohinoor (100% Mulberry Silk ; c.40m per 100g)

Crochet hook - size 6 mm/UK 4/ US J-10 (or size needed to obtain gauge, see notes)

Tapestry needle

Scissors

**Gauge:**

Bag base ~13cm in diameter.

Kohinoor can vary in thickness, so this circumference can vary.

**Sizes:**

One Size.

This is a simple bag that really shows off the shine and colour of the yarn. Kohinoor has a great deal of natural variation, which will give your bag its own unique character.

You may find that you need a different size hook to the one specified, depending on the exact weight of your yarn. Make a couple of rounds to see if you get a solid base so that everything doesn't fall out!

**Pattern notes:**

To make an adjustable ring, wrap the yarn around your fingers once, and leaving it wrapped, put your hook under the ring. Make one chain to secure and slip the ring off your fingers. Make the remaining stitches of Round 1 through the middle of the ring, but don't join. Pull on the free end of your yarn to tighten the ring and close up the hole, then join your round to finish.

Join the end of each round using a slip stitch to the third chain of your initial chain 3.

**Abbreviations (UK terms):**

Ch: Chain  
Tc: Treble crochet  
St: Stitch

**Directions:**

**Bag:** Make an adjustable ring.

Round 1: Ch 3, 9 tc into ring. Pull ring tight and join.

Round 2: Ch 3, 1 tc at base of ch 3. 2 tc in next st, and each st around. Join.

Round 3: Ch 3, 1 tc in next st. \*2 tc in next st, 1 tc in next st\*. Repeat from \* to \* around until 1 st remains. 1 tc in last st. Join.

Round 4: Ch 3, 1 tc in each of next 2 st. \*2 tc in next st, 1 tc in each of next 2 st\*. Repeat from \* to \* around until 1 st remains. 1 tc in last st. Join.

Round 5: Ch 3. 1 tc in each st around. Join.

Rounds 6-16: Repeat Round 5.

Round 17: Ch 4. \*Skip next st, 1 tc in next st, ch 1\* Repeat from \* to \* around. Join to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of initial ch 4.

Round 18: Ch 3. \*1 tc in ch, 2 tc in next st\*. Repeat from \* to \* around. Join.

Round 19: Ch 3, 1 tc in next st and each st around. Join.

Fasten off.

Weave in all ends

**Handle:** Make a chain about 40cm long. Fasten off yarn, and thread through the spaces in Round 17. Tie the ends of the chain and fluff them together. When you pull on this cord, it should close up your bag.

**About the Designer:**

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