



‘OVAL CROCHETED BUCKET BAG’: Ra-Ra Raffia Version
Instructions for re-yarning your Churchmouse Classics
‘Oval Crocheted Bucket Bag’ in Wool and the Gang Ra-Ra Raffia.

Finished Size: *Small Bucket Bag:* 8½ x 4½"/21.5 x 11cm base x 11"/28cm tall.
Details given for small bucket bag only.

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 each in 2 colors of an equivalent DK-weight plant fiber yarn.

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

Instructions below given for small bucket bag only.

Base: With Color A, cast on and work base as directed in original pattern.

Sides: Continuing with Color A, work folding round and straight round as directed in original pattern.

For two-tone bag: Repeat straight round until you have enough yarn left in Color A to end round at center back, or to desired height of contrast-color base. *Note: We used the entire spool of Color A and our sample measures 6"/15cm from folding round.* Join Color B as directed in original pattern and continue straight to 9"/23cm or 9 rounds less than desired height.

Eyelets & Edging: Continuing with Color B, work Eyelets and Edging as directed in original pattern.

Straps: **Drawstring option:** With Color B, work straps following instructions for drawstring option as directed in original pattern. Wet-block drawstrings separately (see instructions below) before weaving through eyelets of bag.

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.

Lay drawstrings flat and pin straight with a little tension. If you have limited space and need to fold strap, create a gentle curve at fold so it doesn't crease. 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.

Finishing: Follow instructions on original pattern for attaching drawstrings to bag.

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