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## LEATHER, WOOL & WOOD FOLDOVER CLUTCH

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Come with me on a journey into the world of mixed media crafting! This bag design combines chunky hand-knit panels with sections of supple leather, joined together on a sewing machine and embellished with wooden macrame flair – all in a foldover clutch shape that’s super hot this year.

Yes, it’s a mouthful (!), but the result is a textural treat that’s a perfect piece to complete your fall boho vibe. So break out your knitting needles and sewing machine and do not be afraid – I promise this project isn’t difficult, and you’ll learn a ton!

(Psst: If you're feeling daunted by the variety of materials used here, don't worry - we got you! You can snag a one-stop-shopping kit for all the supplies needed to make this bag. See the link below.)

## FINISHED SIZE

Approximately 12" x 9" when folded (12" x 15" when opened)



## MATERIALS

Note: All the materials to make this bag can be purchased as a kit here:  
<https://www.brooklyncraftcompany.com/products/leather-wool-wood-foldover-clutch-kit>

- Malabrigo Rasta in Archangel (100% Merino Wool, 90 yards, 150 grams) - 1 skein
- Size US13/9mm Knitting Needles
- Medium-Weight Leather: enough to cut two pieces measuring 13" x 9 1/2" and one piece measuring 1" x 6"
- 2 1/2" Wooden Macrame Ring

- 2" Oblong Wooden Macrame Bead
- Double-sided tape
- Sewing machine equipped with walking foot and leather needle
- All-purpose sewing thread to match yarn and/or leather
- 8" scrap piece of craft wire

## GAUGE

2.5 stitches per inch on size US13/9mm needles

## THE KNITTING PART

### Bag Body Panels (Make two)

Cast on 32 sts.

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Repeat Rows 1-2 until piece measures 6 1/2". Cast off. (Finished knitted panels should measure 13" x 6 1/2".)

## THE SEWING PART

### Notes on Sewing Leather

Sewing leather on a home machine is totally do-able, there are just a few things you need to know:

- Replace your regular sewing machine needle with a leather needle.
- Use a walking foot instead of a regular presser foot, which will make it much easier to sew over thick and bulky areas.
- It's fine to use regular all-purpose sewing thread.
- Leather should never be pinned; instead, pieces are held together before sewing with double-sided tape. Simply align the leather pieces in the position you intend to sew them, then tape them together instead of pinning. After sewing the seam, the tape can simply remain inside the seam allowance.

### Assemble Bag Front and Back

Cut two pieces of leather measuring 13" x 9 1/2". (Note: If you purchased a kit, your leather will arrive pre-cut to correct size.)

Overlap one piece of leather on one of the knitted panels along the 13" edges, with right sides facing up on both the leather and knitted pieces, and overlapping them by 1/2". Secure the two pieces together with double-sided tape, then topstitch on the sewing machine with walking foot and leather needle, sewing 1/8" from the raw edge of the leather and then sewing a second line of stitching about 1/4" from the first. Repeat to attach the remaining piece of leather to the remaining knitted panel.



### Attach Wooden Ring

Cut a strip of leather 1" wide by approximately 6" long. Fold the leather strip through the wooden ring and place along the unsewn edge of one of the knitted panels, aligning the leather strap in the center of the knitted panel, with the ring overlapping the edge of the knitted piece (see photo). Exact placement of this embellishment is not crucial – it should just be centered near the edge of the knitted panel.

Sew the doubled leather strips to the knitted panel, using two lines of top stitching about 1/4" apart. Trim the leather strips just beyond the stitching, cutting them on a diagonal.



### **Sew The Side and Bottom Seams**

Place the assembled Front and Back pieces together, aligning all sides, with right sides facing together. Pin the knitted sections together, and secure the leather sections with double-sided tape. Sew with the walking foot around three sides (leaving the top open), using a 1/2" seam allowance. Turn the bag right side out.

### **THE TASSEL PART**

Cut four 24" lengths of yarn. Make a jumbo bead-threader by folding the 8" piece of wire in half. Feed the four strands of yarn through the folded end of the wire and fold the yarn strands in half so all the yarn ends meet. Feed the wire ends through the hole in the oblong wooden bead, pulling the wire all the way through the bead along with the folded bit of the yarn. Remove the wire

and discard, then loop and knot the folded bit of yarn through the wooden ring on the bag Front. Slide the oblong wooden bead to just below the knot, then knot the yarn strands again beneath the oblong wooden beads. Trim yarn strands to about 4" long.



And you're done! Remember, all the materials to make this mixed-media bag can be purchased as a kit here: <https://www.brooklyncraftcompany.com/products/leather-wool-wood-foldover-clutch-kit>