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Museum of Bags and Purses shows felt bags by *Werkstück* from 31st January till 11th March 2012

From 31st January 2012, the Museum of Bags and Purses in Amsterdam will be holding an exhibition of felt bags by Werkstück, or designer Kerstin Schürmann. All of the bags are handmade from felt, combined with leather and textile. The flower patterns, that look like they have painted, seem to be growing out of the bag. But the flowers have been also been felted from wool by hand. The softness of the flowery design contrasts with the clean-cut design of the rest of the bag.

Kerstin Schürmann started out as a designer of porcelain and has been making felt bags since 2004. In her designs, she combines striking materials, colours, shapes and high-quality craftsmanship. She considers each bag as her new project or "werkstück". All of the bags are created in a limited series by hand, making them unique.

This is not the first time the museum has exhibited Schürmann's work. In 2010 a felt bag by Werkstück was part of the exhibition 'Why Old-fashioned?' featuring bags made with various (handwork) techniques. The museum want to emphasise that felt is an ideal material for producing contemporary, stylish bags. Felt ensures a soft look whilst being extremely user-friendly. In Werkstück designs these qualities are unmistakably present.



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The Museum of Bags and Purses

The Museum of Bags and Purses is the world's largest bag collection. With a collection of over 4,000 bags and purses, the Museum of Bags and Purses provides a unique overview of the history of the Western ladies bag. Spread over three floors and starting with a bag dating back to the 16th century, the collection includes bridal bags, pockets, coin purses, reticules, school bags, evening bags and designer bags from Chanel, Louis Vuitton and Hermès. The museum also features temporary exhibitions by contemporary Dutch as well as international designers. In 2011 the museum received the award for *Best Specialty Museum* from Time Out Magazine.

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