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## Wendy Nichol Cuts A Rug And Makes A Bag

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For Civil War buffs, carpetbagger is a word with not-so-great connotations. But handbag and jewelry designer Wendy Nichol has put a new spin on the term, collaborating with bespoke textile producer Vanderhurd on a seriously limited edition of clutches and handbags made from the studio's handwoven silk dhurrie. Designed to Nichol's specs and produced in India on traditional looms, the dhurrie is the same type used in Vanderhurd's rugs and heavy-duty upholstery fabrics. In other words, these bags will stand up to repeated use assuming you can get your hands on one. The first edition, arriving in March at La Garçonne ([www.lagarconne.com](http://www.lagarconne.com)) and the Wendy Nichol boutique in Soho, comprises a total of 45 bags across three styles. Prices range from \$600 to \$2,000.

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