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*New York*



**Joe Hogan**

*Gorse Pouch, 2025*

Salix purpurea & ulex europaeus

19.7"H x 33.5"W x 22.8"D (50 cm H x 85 cm W x 58 cm D)

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*One of the fascinating things about indigenous baskets is that they tell us so much about the landscape where they are made. Thus in the limestone region of County Clare known as the Burren, creels were made from hazel since this grew easily on the limestone... Similarly in the dry and arid regions of Spain the burden baskets were of esparto grass and in the region of the Pyrennes, split chestnut... All of these indigenous baskets seem to me to respond wonderfully to Anne Michael's injunction to "find a way to make beauty necessary; find a way to make necessity beautiful."*

— Joe Hogan, *Learning From The Earth*, 2018