

Snap Purse - Pocket Tab

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Text files with embroidery instructions & supply list provided with design sets. A separate PDF file with illustrations & instructions to make the paper patterns and how to construct the purse are also provided.

NOTE: Make pocket tab, pocket design & side designs first!



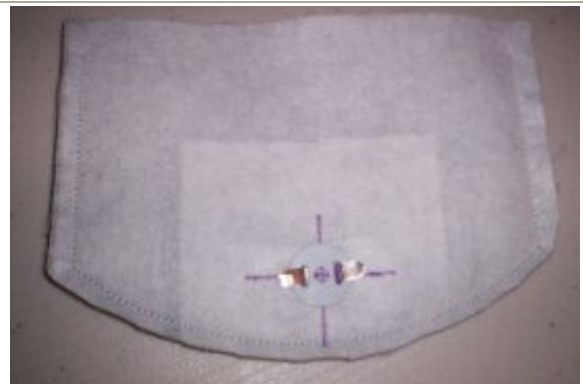
1. TAB CLOSURE: Hoop stabilizer. Stitch placement outline on stabilizer only. Center fabric & batting inside outline. Next design step stitches quilt lines.



2. Add fusible interfacing to wrong side of lining fabric and mark lines 1 ¼" up from bottom & centered sideways. Center washer over cross mark & trace the slits. Cut slits open.



3. Center lining fabric wrong side up inside outline. Next design step tacks lining down at sides/bottom.



4. Trim sides/bottom ¼" bigger than outline, clip curved edge. Do not trim top yet. Add magnetic closure before turning.



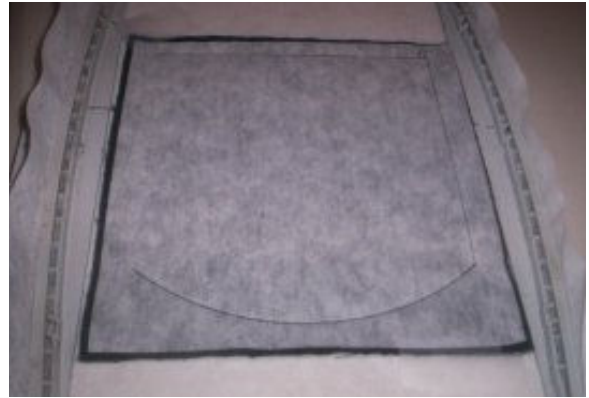
5. Turn pocket tab right side out & top stitch the sides & bottom with ¼" seam. Trim top edge even with outline.



6. Shows magnetic closure installed on back of pocket tab.



7. FRONT PKT: Hoop stabilizer. Stitch outline on stabilizer first. Center pre-quilted fabric over outline. Stitch design following instructions in text files.



8. Before last design step, center interfaced lining fabric over fabric in hoop. Tape at corners, put hoop on machine. Last step tacks lining down at the top and bottom.



9. Trim fabric 1/4" larger than outline & clip curved edge. Center washer over small stitched circle & use washer to mark slits, cut slits open. Install other half of magnetic closure on pocket before turning.



10. Turn pocket right side out & press. Top stitch along top edge of pocket. Bottom is top stitched when added to purse later. Make 2 if you want a pocket on each side of purse.



11. SIDES: Hoop stabilizer. Stitch placement line on stabilizer first. Spray area with temporary adhesive spray. (For 5x7 hoops each "side" is stitched separately in 2 hoopings)



12. Mark center on 13" end of "sides" fabric, center right next to placement line in hoop. Next, place the appliqué fabric centered over the sides fabric. Tape in place.



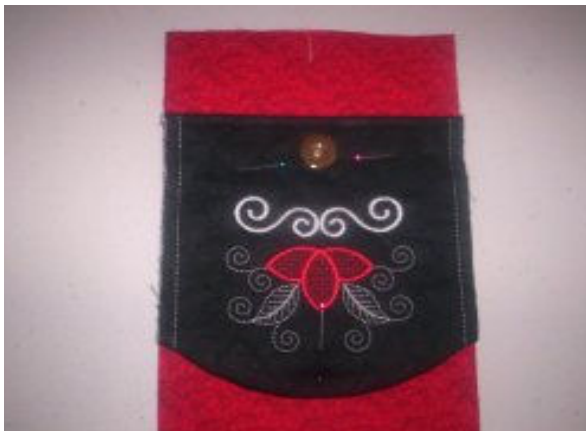
13. Stitch embroidery designs following the instructions in the text files provided with your designs.



14. After embroidery is finished, cut fabric in half exactly down the middle to create the two sides.



15. With fabric on fold at bottom, use the pattern that you made to trim the sides.



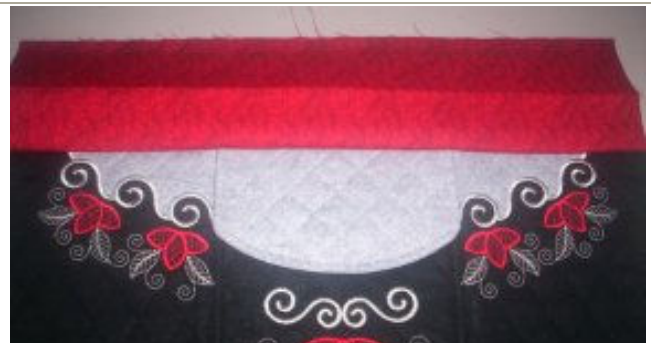
16. Pin pocket to center fabric 2" down from the top. Stitch in place with 1/4" seam along sides & bottom.



17. Pin sides to center & stitch together with 1/2 seam. Press seams flat & top stitch along both sides with 1/4" seam.



18. Center pocket tab over pocket keeping even with the top. Stitch in place with 1/4" seam.



19. Sew top bands to each side purse with 1/2 seam. Press seams (seam allowance should face top edge of bands)



20. With top bands open flat (not folded) pin shoulder straps in place. Mark lines on straps 1 1/2" from ends.



21. Stitch straps to purse at top with 1/4" seam & then top stitch twice over 1 1/2" marks on each strap to secure.



22. . Pin wrong side of purse together (top band opened flat) and stitch sides together with 1/2" seam.



23. Fold and pin bottom corners of purse together and stitch with 1/2" seam. Set aside.



24. Prepare lining as desired. Stitch bottom together with 1/2" seam (8" basting stitches in center). Press seam open & top stitch. Re-open basting stitches in center.



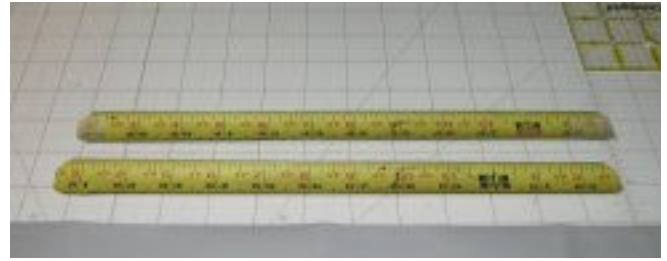
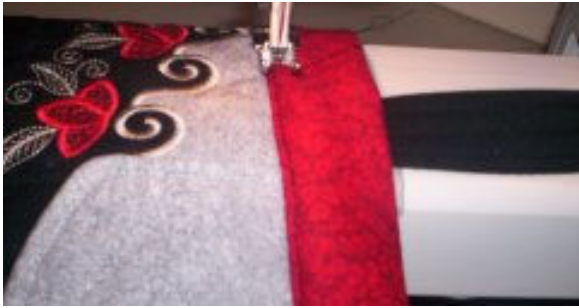
25. Stitch lining together at sides & bottom using the same steps used on the purse. Turn lining right side out. (Purse should remain wrong side out)



26. Slip lining inside purse (right sides facing) & pin to edge of top band. Stitch lining to purse with 1/2" seam.



27. Pull purse through opening in lining and turn the purse right side out.



28. Pin top band evenly around top edge of purse using center/fold crease to keep each side of band even. Top stitch along bottom of band with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

28. Cut 4 strips of 1" metal carpenter tape and round ends. Stack 2 pieces together & use duct tape on ends. (2 strips on each side keeps purse closed better!)



29. Re-open 1 inner side seam of top band & slide tape measure inside until centered. Insert tape like this: (()) Arch of tape should face right side of purse.

30. Slip plastic canvas for the bottom inside the lining opening. (Use 2 for stiffer bottom) Stitch lining opening closed. Whip stitch opening in top band closed. You're finished!