

SIDE POCKET PURSE TOTES

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Text files provided with designs with step by step instructions and supplies you'll need to make the tote bags. A separate PDF file with illustrations & instructions for constructing the actual tote bag is provided with your order. Magnetic button snaps – Go to <http://www.joann.com/joann/> and type "magnetic purse snaps" in the search box. Or use <http://www.google.com> and enter "magnetic purse snaps" in search box to find other online sources.

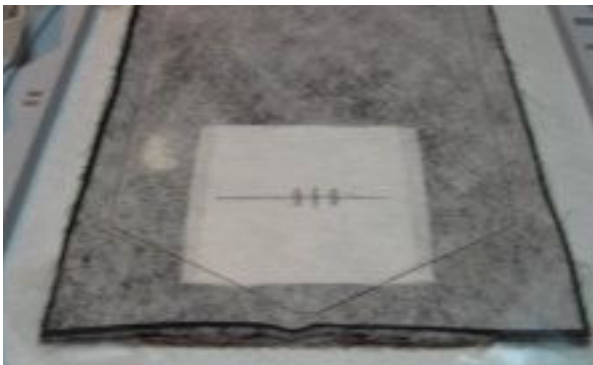
NOTE: Make tab closure and side pockets first!



1. TAB CLOSURE: Hoop cutaway stabilizer. First color in design stitches outline on stabilizer. Center fabric/batting inside outline. Tape at corners. Continue stitching design on front as instructed in text files.



2. Add fusible interfacing to wrong side of lining. Add 2nd piece to support the button snap. Mark center & then up from bottom 1 1/2". Center snap washer over center mark & trace slots. Cut tiny slits in slots to add snap piece later.



3. When instructed, remove hoop and center prepared lining over fabric in hoop. Tape in place at the corners. Last color in design tacks lining fabric down.



4. Remove from hoop, flip over. Trim excess fabric 1/4" outside outline at sides/bottom, clip corners. Do not trim top. Use needle nose pliers to slip thin half of snap inside. Push prongs through slits, add flat washer & bend prongs over flat.



5. Turn tab closure right side out and press. Top stitch around sides and bottom.



6. SIDE POCKETS: Outline is stitched on the stabilizer first. Center fabric evenly OVER outline on all sides. (Fabric will extend past outline). Tape in place & stitch rest of design.



7. When instructed, center lining over fabric in hoop (right sides facing). Last color tacks lining down at top/bottom.



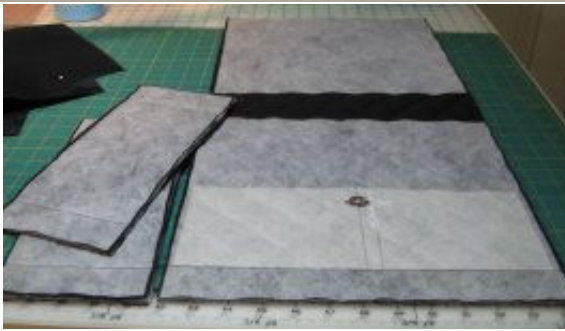
8. Remove from hoop and trim sides close to the outline stitches. Trim the top & bottom 1/4" from outline as shown.



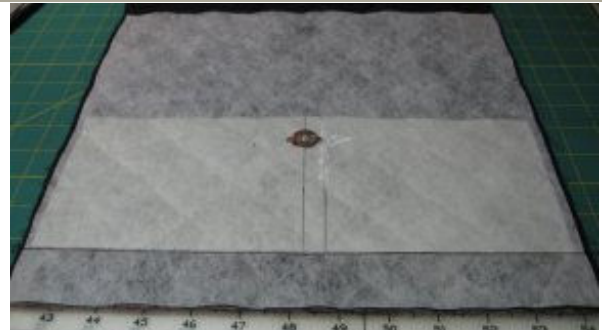
9. Turn right side out & press. Top stitch along top. Bottom is top stitched when added to tote bag later.



10. Now make a 2nd pocket. Add 10ss swarovsky crystals over the tiny circles in the designs on all 3 pieces.



11. TOTE BAG: Cut and prepare all tote bag fabric pieces as instructed in PDF file provided with your designs.



12. Stitch 1 1/2" down from front/back ends. Repeat on side tote pieces. Center button snap washer 5" down from top & mark the slits. Install the fat half of the button snap.



13. Center embroidered pockets over side tote pieces as instructed in PDF file. Top stitch in place at sides/bottom.



14. Mark center on tab closure & tote for tab placement. Mark ends for shoulder straps as instructed in PDF file.



15. Pin straps to tote front/back piece at both ends (straps to inside of marks). Center tab closure on tote front/back (on end without snap) and pin. Stitch straps and tab closure down with 1/4" seam allowance.

16. Pin straps down on both ends to keep from getting in way. Pin side tote pieces to front/back piece, keeping all even at the top. Stitch side pieces in place.



17. This picture shows the sides stitched to the front/back tote fabric on one end.

18. Pin totes side pieces to the other side of tote front/back piece and stitch in place.



19. With tote upside down, pin bottom of side tote pieces to the front/back bottom on both sides. Stitch in place – this creates the flat bottom.

20. Prepare tote lining as instructed in PDF file. Use seam ripper to re-open the 8" basted seam in the lining bottom. Turn lining right side out but keep tote bag wrong side out.



21. Mark center at top on tote sides. Slip lining inside tote & center seams over side center marks. Pin evenly around top & stitch lining to tote bag.



22. Pull tote bag up through the opened seam in the lining and maneuver until the tote bag is right side out.



23. Fold top of tote bag down inside until the 1 1/2" top stitched line (sewn earlier) is the top fold of the tote bag. Top stitch around top 2X as instructed in PDF file.



24. Pull lining out and hold the opened bottom seam together & stitch opening closed. Cover plastic canvas or 1/4" foam board with lining fabric & slip inside to support bottom of bag.



Use the side pockets for cell phones, tissues, car keys, hand lotion....or just about anything you want to keep handy!