

Sew Powerful Purse Instructions



Cutting Summary

Piece	Name	Size	Fabric	Lining	Interfacing
A	Flap panel	H 10¼" x W 7½"	1	1	1
B	Strap	L 52" x W 2¾" L 52" x W 4"	1 1		1
C	Large Slip Pocket	H 8" x W 9"	1	1	
D	Small Slip Pocket	H 5" x W 7½"	1	1	
E	Purse Body Front	H 9½" x W 9"	1	2	1
F	Purse Body Bottom of Back	H 8" x W 9"	1		1
G	Purse Body Top of Back	H 2" x W 9"	1		1
LABEL EACH PIECE AFTER CUTTING!!					

FLAP

Iron interfacing onto wrong side of fabric piece A (Flap)
 With right sides together, pin lining and fabric of flap together
 Stitch around sides and bottom (curved end)
 Clip corners and trim seam allowance
 Turn right sides out and press
 Topstitch



STRAP

Iron interfacing onto wrong side of piece B (strap)
 Fold in half right sides together along the length of the strap
 Stitch along one short end and the long end
 Turn right sides out
 Press with the seam in the middle
 Topstitch

STRAP (Alternative Construction)

Cut a strip 4" x 52" (you may need to join two pieces)
 Press in half the long way. Unfold and press each side in so it meets the centre crease line. Fold both halves together so that the raw edges are hidden.
 Topstitch along both long edges



LARGE SLIP POCKET (OUTSIDE)

With right sides together pin and stitch the fabric piece C and lining piece C together at the top (ie the edge without the corners taken off)
 Trim the seam to reduce the bulk
 Fold over along the seam with wrong sides together
 Press flat with the lining slightly rolled under so it doesn't show on the front
 Topstitch along the top



SMALL SLIP POCKET (INSIDE)

With right sides together pin the fabric piece D and lining piece D together.
Stitch around all sides leaving a 4" opening on the bottom side for turning.
Clip corners and turn right sides out
Press the opening closed and pin
Topstitch along the top only



CONSTRUCTION

With right sides both facing up place the small slip pocket on top of the lining piece E (purse body front). Position it in the centre widthwise and 1 3/4" from the top.
Stitch down the sides and across the bottom of the pocket, which will close the turning hole
Top of the pocket should be open!



Interface the wrong side of piece E (purse body front)
With right sides facing up place piece C (large slip pocket) on top.
Align the bottoms, the pocket should be 1 3/4" down from the top of the front piece
Baste the side and bottom seams. Use a very scant 1/4" then you wont have to take the tacking out.



Interface the wrong side of pieces F (purse body bottom of back) and G (purse body top of back)
With right sides together centre the flap on piece F, with the raw edges lined up.
With the wrong side facing up, place piece G on top of the flap.
Pin and stitch though all layers
Press seam towards purse body bottom
Topstitch along the seam on purse body bottom



Trim 1/4" from the top of the lining pieces. This will make the lining slightly smaller and it will sit in the finished bag better.
Pin the two lining pieces together and stitch down the sides and bottom. Leave at least a 4" gap for turning at the bottom
With right sides together box out the corners



With right sides together pin and stitch the purse body front and the purse body back along the side and bottom edge
Box out the corners



On the wrong side of the strap, mark 1 1/2" from both ends
With right sides together line up this mark with the top edge of the purse body. Straps should be centred on side seam.
Pin and stitch in place.
Turn bag right side out.



With right sides facing place bag inside the lining. Make sure strap and flap are inbetween the purse right side and the lining right side. Align the top edges and side seams. Pin and stitch around the top edge. Turn the bag right side out through the hole in the lining. Do not trim strap ends.



Sew the opening in the lining closed
Push the lining back into the bag so that the lining doesn't show
Topstitch along the top edge.

Sew a square box through the purse body and strap to secure the strap. The top edge of the box should over-stitch the topstitching. The sides of the box should align with the edge stitching on the strap. Sew and X from corner to corner in the box. Press the bag, add a message to the recipient



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