

Fabric strip pieced quilted purse



Purchase 1 yd of solid pre-quilted body fabric, and 1 yard lining and matching thread. You will also need one $\frac{3}{4}$ " magnetic snap and one 18" zipper for wallet. Purchase $\frac{1}{2}$ yd of contrasting solid fabric for handles and purchase matching thread. You will need at least 5 to 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ yd pieces of coordinating fabrics for strip piecing.

Bring a walking foot, or a free motion foot, chalk pencil or a fabric marker,

Cut quilted fabric 28" X 17", 2 inside pocket 5" X 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", change purse is 8" X 12", and 1 handle is cut 6" X 45". Cut 2 contrast fabrics 3" X 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for the inside pocket trim. Cut strips for the strip piecing from 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Cut at least 2 strips across the 45" width of each color.

1. Draw a chalk line down the center of the purse. Cut a triangle to start the strip piecing. Make sure the point of the triangle always points to the center line as you strip piece. Using a walking foot sew a strip with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam to each side of the triangle. Press the strip open after each strip is sewn. Finish the strip piecing by filling the purse body with strips. Trim the strips to meet the edge of the purse body.
2. Cut the lining to match the finished strip purse. Cut a reinforcing 3" square of quilted fabric. Center the square on the top edge and sew to the inside of the lining. This reinforced square is where the snaps will be positioned. Make sure the snaps are at least 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top edge. Once the snaps are in place, sew the lining piece to the edges of the purse. Finish the edges of the cut quilted purse and wallet with zig-zag or a serge stitch.
3. To Form strap fold the long edges to the center and press. Next fold the long edges together and press. Top stitch the long edges. The single strap is sewn to the side seams. Adjust the length to your comfort.



4. To form the inside pockets: Sew the contrast fabric right sides together to the quilted inside pocket fabric on both edges. Press the contrast fabric over the seam and turn the raw edge under. From the right side stitch in the ditch to hold the contrast fabric in place.
5. Measure down 3" on the inside of the bag and center the pockets. Stitch the side edges and the bottom edge over the top stitching. Divide the inside pocket in thirds and top stitch the pocket divisions in place.
6. Center the straps on the side seams placing right sides together. Stitch the strap in place. Cut a trim piece of fabric from the lining fabric 4" X 45" and press in half wrong sides together. Fold one short edge under and stitch the trim edges to the inside top edge of the purse. Press the fold edge to the right side and stitch in the ditch to finish the top edge of the purse.
7. To form the change purse insert an 18" zipper to the 2 short edges of the wallet quilted fabric. Open the zipper slightly to sew the side seams. Turn to the right side to finish.