

## Stain Glass Purse



Purchase 1 yard lining and 1 yard of fusible fleece

½ yd of muslin and 6 or 7 - 1/4 yard coordinating fabrics

Purchase one ¾" magnetic snap

2 packages of black single fold bias tape

1 package of ¼" quilters fusible tape

1 yard of Wonder Under

1 black felt tip permanent marker

1 /2yd a tracing paper or pattern material tape

Black thread

Purchase ½ yard of contrast fabric for trim and handle

My purse body will be 17" wide by 14" high.

Using a piece a pattern paper or interfacing and a felt tip maker draw the lines of the leading and the purse outline. This is a pattern for the

applique stain glass pieces. Once you have drawn the lines for the leading on your paper pattern you will need to number and then trace the shapes on a piece of "Wonder Under". I draw the pieces on the rough size so the shapes will transfer as drawn. Duplicate the tracing for the "other side of the purse".

I choose at least 6 or 7 fat quarters to create my stain glass applique. Cut small pieces to layout in the drawn areas to help you decide which fabrics go where. Once you have decided the fabric placement you can cut apart the "wonder under" numbered stain glass pieces. Fuse the "wonder under" to the wrong side of each fabric you chose.

Transfer the stain glass pattern to 2 pieces of muslin, one for each side of the purse. Peel the paper off the fused "wonder under" and fuse it in the position indicated by the number. Complete both sides.

Using the bias tape fuse the ¼" wonder under to the back. Peel the paper and fuse the bias to the line markings. Most of the lines are drawn completely across the purse so there will be some overlap. Top stitch both sides of the tape to complete the look.

Square up the purse. Sew the side seams using a ¼" seam, sew the bottom edge." Square up "the bottom edge with a 2" tuck for depth.

Cut inside pockets are cut 2- 10" X 17" from lining. Fold the pocket in half lengthwise with the wrong side together for extra body. Sew the raw edges together.

Cut 4 contrast fabrics 3" X 1 7" for the inside pocket trim. Press in half lengthwise

Cut the strap from contrast fabric. If the fabric is thin you may want to add a fusible fleece to the wrong

side. The strap is cut 6" by 45". You can shorten the strap to taste when fitting it.

Cut the lining to match the finished stain glass purse pieces. Sew the bottom seam of the lining.

To form the inside pockets and sew them to the lining. Sew the contrast fabric right sides together to the inside pocket fabric on both long edges. Press the contrast fabric over the seam and from the right side stitch in the ditch to hold the contrast fabric in place as a trim. This is done to both long edges. Measure down 5" on the inside of the bag and center the pockets to the lining. 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 and then sew the side seams. Cut 2 - 3" squares of fusible fleece and center the squares from the top edge on the lining wrong side. Do both sides of the lining. This is a reinforcement for the snap. Fuse in place. Make sure the snap is 1 1/2" from the top edge. Once the snaps are in place you can sew the lining to the top edge of the purse.

To form a 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 over the side seams from the right side. Adjust the length to your comfort.

Cut a trim piece from the contrast fabric 4" X 45" and press in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. This will give you a folded edge to finish the front of the purse with. Place the raw edges on the top of the purse and fold one short edge under about 1/2" and stitch the trim to the top edge of the purse from the inside until the trim overlaps itself. I suggest you start the stitching a little off the side seam so the bulk of the side seam and the handle will not cause you a problem. (Right side of the trim to the right side of the lining.) Bring the folded edge to the right side, pin, and top stitch the folded edge in place.