



## Mini Shopping Purse

You will need  $\frac{1}{4}$  yard of a firm fabric for the body of the bag. I used decorator fabric. To make a bag with several color sections purchase  $\frac{1}{4}$  yard of additional colors. You have the following sections: 1 bag front and back 18" X 7", bag front and back pocket are 7" X 6" each. Cut the 1 purse section 18" X 7". I used a clover chalk to mark the fabric for cutting. Some of my pockets were scrappy and some pockets matched the body of the bag.

I used black suede twill (60" wide) to create the binding and the handle. Cut one strip the width of the fabric X 4" for the strap and side finish. Cut 1 strip 3" wide for the finish trim on pocket top and both end of the bag segment. You will need to purchase at least  $\frac{1}{4}$ yd for the trim that is 60" wide.

You will need one 12" or 16" zipper for the top of the bag.

All-purpose polyester thread to match the trim.

Embroidery thread for monogram and sticky paper to hoop the pocket

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Monogram or decorate the pocket at this time.

Bind both top end of the pocket. I folded the binding in  $\frac{1}{2}$  lengthwise with wrong sides together and pressed. I then sewed the binding raw edge to the top edge of my pocket using the width of my presser foot as a guide and placing right side of binding to wrong side of the pocket top edge. Press the binding so it pulls up and over the edge to form a nice binding edge. Stitch close to the fold edge to finish the bind. I top stitched the bottom of the pocket under  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Place the pocket on the right side of the purse. I positioned the pocket about 1 inch down from the binding on the top edge. Stitch the pocket to the purse front, if you are making 2 pockets stitch the back pocket in place. (Sew the pocket to the purse side edges and bottom using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam to hold the pocket in place.

Insert a zipper to the top edge of the purse. Insert the zipper so you have extra length on both ends. We are using a bigger zipper than the 7" front and back bond edges so it is easy to insert and we do not have to deal with the slider. Close the zipper. Sew the zipper to the front edge of the binding by stitching close to the folded edge. Using chalk or a fabric marker draw a line across the zipper tape on both ends

of the binding before you open the zipper, to align the back binding side. Open the zipper and position and top stitch the zipper to the binding. Close the zipper so the slider is inside the bag and shorten the zipper at each side by stitching over the coil. I do a few reversing stitches. Trim the excess zipper so the sides are even with the binding.

I folded the bag so the zipper was off the top edge. Once I positioned the zipper and the monogrammed pocket, I sewed the side seam raw edges together using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam to close the purse.

For the handle and the edge finish I pressed the 2 raw edges to the center of the 4" strip and then I press the whole strip lengthwise to form the completed width. On each end I folded under a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and top stitched a hem. Starting on one side of the bag side seam place the folded trim to encase the raw edge and top stitch the trim to the bag using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to an  $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam. Continue to set the trim off the bag to form the handle. Top stitch the handle to within 15" of the opposite end. I then turned the bag and used the remaining trim to encase the other side seam. I top stitched the trim to the side and continued to stitch until I had overlapped stitches on the handle.

