

# Sling Bag Tutorial.

I created this bag to hold the essentials for summer outings. I hope you will enjoy creating one for yourself.

## Materials:

Two fabrics one for outside & one for lining

2 pieces outside fabric (10 1/2 " x 7 1/4 " ) - purse body

2 pieces of lining fabric (10 1/2 " x 7 1/4 " ) -purse lining

2 pieces outside fabric (7 1/4 " x 7 1/4 " ) -outside pocket

2 pieces of outside fabric (5 " x 4 1/2" ) - Inside pocket

1 piece of outside fabric (4" x 45") - strap

Interfacing -optional

2 pieces of interfacing (10 1/2" x 7 1/4 ") -optional

1 piece of interfacing (7 1/4 "x 7 1/4 " ) - optional

1 piece of interfacing (5 " x 4 1/2" ) - optional

3" of ribbon(I used 1" wide)

1 small D ring

pins

measuring tape

sewing machine

iron for pressing



## Directions:

Seam allowances for this tutorial are 1/4" unless otherwise stated.

The interfacing is optional however this tutorial will use interfacing. Depending on thickness of your fabrics you may choose to leave the interfacing out.

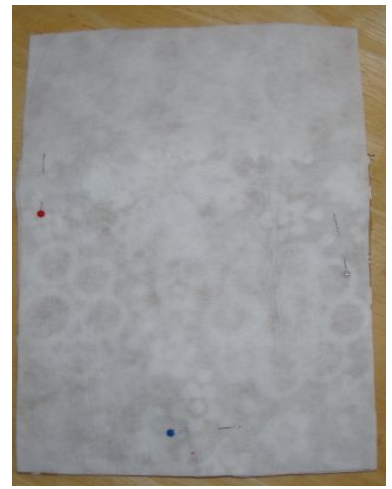


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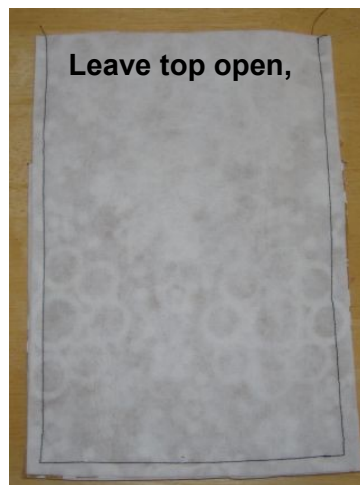
1. Start with the outside of the bag beginning with the front pocket. Place 2 front pocket pieces(outside fabric piece 7 1/4 " x 7 1/4 " ) with right sides together. Add piece of interfacing (7 1/4 " x 7 1/4 " ) to top of pocket pieces. Stitch along the *top of the pocket only*, leave the other edges of the pocket alone. Turn and press seam. Top stitch if desired. If you want to embellish the front pocket sew a line of ribbon across the top of the pocket now.

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2. Place piece of interfacing (10 ½" x 7 ¼") on your work surface. Now place piece of outside fabric (10 ½" x 7 ¼") on top of the interfacing with right side up. Place outside pocket piece on top lining up the edges at the bottom. Place the second piece of outside fabric on top wrong side up then place the second piece of interfacing on top creating a sandwich of fabric. Your fabric sandwich should look like this: from bottom up - interfacing, outside fabric(right side facing up,) pocket, outside fabric(wrong side facing up,) and interfacing. Pin all pieces in place.

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3. Now sew a ½" seam around the three sides leaving the top open. Trim your edges.

4.



4. Square your corners by pinching the corners flat so that the side seam and bottom seam line up and form a triangle. Pin it flat then measure in 1" from the corner and mark. Draw a line across at 1" to show where you will sew. Mark both corners. Sew both corners along the line you have marked. Trim off your corners and turn bag right side out.

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5. Now for the lining begin by sewing the small pocket for the inside. Place the two pocket pieces with right sides together, Place piece of interfacing on top and pin. Sew around all four sides of the pocket leaving an opening for turning. Trim corners, then turn and press. You don't have to close the gap in the pocket as long as you place the opened edge on one of the three sides that you will be sewing in the next step.

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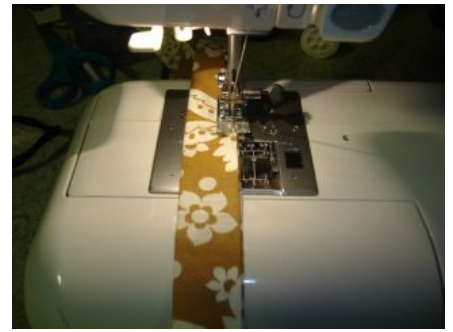
6. Pin the pocket to the right side of one piece of the inside lining. Center the pocket from side to side and place the top of the pocket about 3" down from the top of the lining. Sew around the three sides of the pocket making sure to leave the top open. Now place the 3" piece of ribbon through the D ring and fold the ribbon in half. Pin the ribbon on the right side of the lining about 1 1/2" from the top. The raw edges of the ribbon should be facing the same direction as the raw edge of the lining.

7.



7. Place second piece of lining fabric on top of the first piece with the right sides together. Pin pieces together and sew 1/2" seam around three edges leaving the top open. Trim edges. Now square the corners of the lining just like you did for the outside (see step 4.) Leave the lining unturned and set aside.

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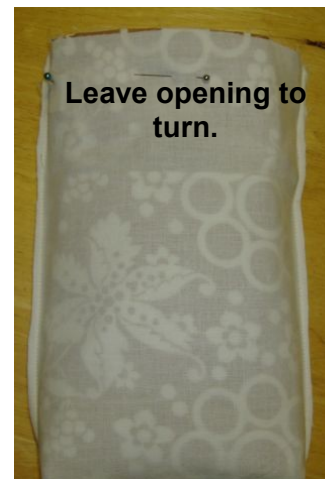
8. To make the strap cut a piece of the outside fabric 4" x 45". Press strap folding one side to the middle then the other side to the middle. Fold in half again and press. Now sew all the way down one side of the strap then all the way down the other side to form a strap.

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9. Now attach the strap to the outside of the bag. Pin one side of the strap to the outside of the bag centering the strap to the side seam of the bag. The raw edges of the bag and the raw edges of the strap should be lined up. Now repeat on the other side making sure your strap is straight before pinning. Baste the strap into place on both sides.

10.



**10.** Now sew the bag and lining together. To do this the outside of the bag should be right side out and the lining should be turned wrong side out. Tuck long end of the strap into the front pocket so it's out of the way. Place the outside of the bag into the lining so the right sides of both fabrics are touching.

You want the inside pocket to be on the back of the purse when it's finished, so that the front pocket and back pocket are not touching. To do this make sure the side of the lining with the pocket is touching the back side of the bag this will ensure that your inside pocket is on the back side once you turn it. Now line up the side seams of the lining with the side seams of the bag. Pin in place and sew  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam around the top leaving a 3 to 4 inch opening for turning. Clip edges and turn. Press and top stitch around the top edge of the bag.

Note: If your bag isn't square at the bottom when you turn it, check to make sure you turned it correctly. The first time I did it I turned it from the inside of the front pocket so it didn't look squared. If your bag isn't squared at the bottom flip the pocket right side out and you should see your squared bottom.

**11.** Your bag is done. Enjoy!

