

"Fiskars Unzipped" Shoulder Bag

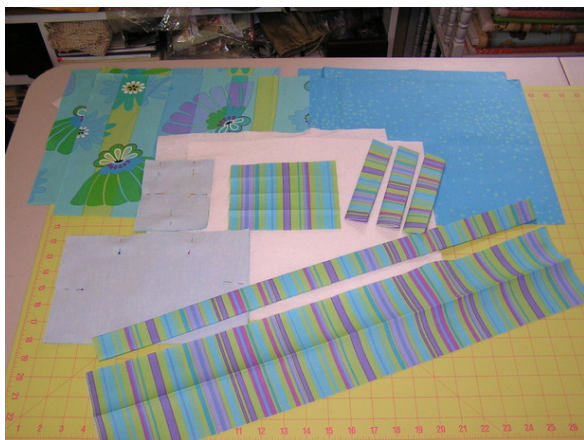
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I have been making purses for a while now and have been pretty successful in selling them. I have put together a tutorial on how to make these purses and sorry but there are a lot of pictures in hopes to make each step a little easier for you to see how they are made. Have fun and Happy Sewing.

Step 1 — Gathering your supplies



You will need 2 pieces of main fabric cut 14 1/2" x 12 1/2", 2 pieces of lining fabric cut to the same size and 2 pieces of interfacing or batting cut to the same size also. You will need 4 strips of fabric (either use the main fabric or the lining fabric) cut to 5" x 6", 2 strips for the handles cut 5" x 24" to 30" depending on how long you want your handles, 1 strip 1 1/4" x 6" to 8" depending on the size of the button you will be using for the closure, 1 button of your choice, here I used the kit and made a large covered button out of the handle fabric. (You can choose a 3rd fabric if you like to make the handles and the D ring tabs). Oh yeah I almost forgot about the pockets, oops. You will need 1 piece of main fabric 10" x 6 1/2" and one cut the same out of the lining and 1 piece cut to the size of your cell phone, mine is 4" x 5" out of the main and lining fabric

Step 2 — Making the D ring tabs and the handles



I like to get all the prep work done at the beginning. Take your 4 strips that measure 5x6 and iron in half wrong sides together, then open and fold each side into the center and iron again, then you will iron these in half again. You should have 4 strips that are ready to sew for the tabs. Top stitch close to the edge of the fold and on the other side. Lay these aside until needed. Do the same for the handle strips.

Step 3 — Making the Pockets



Sew for each pocket, 1 piece of the main and 1 piece of the lining fabric using 1/4" seam allowance, leave an opening in the bottom or top for turning. Once sewn, clip the corners and I like to use pinking shears on the edges but you can just trim them slightly. Turn your fabric right sides out and iron. Top stitch the opening closed and top stitch what will be the top of your pocket (the edge you have sewn to close the pocket can be the top if you choose and you will only have to topstitch this edge).

Step 4 — Sewing the larger pocket to the lining fabric



Place your pocket on the right side of your lining fabric in the position that you want them, pin in place and sew around the edge, I like to reinforce the beginning and ending stitching to ensure that the pockets won't tear away from the lining. For the large pocket, measure and find the center and sew down to create 2 pockets.

Step 5 — Sewing the small (cell phone) pocket.



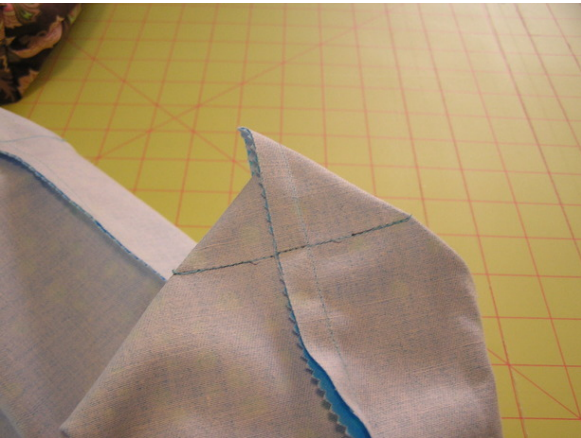
You will sew this pocket in the same way you did the larger pocket eliminating the step where you sew down the center.

Step 6 — Putting the lining together



Place the lining fabric right sides together and sew together leaving an opening in the bottom for turning.

Step 7 — Squaring the corners



While the lining is still wrong side out you will box the corners. Make a triangle and measure 3" down and sew this across. I backstitch at the beginning and at the end to reinforce this seam.

Step 8 — Clip the corners



Clip the corners as shown in the picture. Once you have done this you will be done with the lining, DO NOT turn the lining.

Step 9 — Placing the D ring tabs on the main fabric



Take each strip you made for the tabs and place in the D ring and pin to the main fabric. Measure from the outside of the fabric to place them where is will be comfortable for you to carry. I measure about 3 1/2" in and pin in place. Leave at least 1 inch above the bag.

Step 10 — Adding the button strap to main fabric



Pin the button strap to the main fabric as shown in photo and pin in place. You will notice I have left a generous amount above the fabric, this will help in making sure this piece does not come out of the purse top.

Step 11 — Putting together the main part of the purse.



Layer the main fabric, right side up, and the batting. (you need to do this before you pin the tabs and button strap on, sorry). Pin right sides together and sew down the sides all the way around, do not leave an opening on this one. Do not turn yet. Box your corners as you did on the lining and clip the corners. Then you can turn the main part of the purse right sides out.

Step 12 — Sewing the lining onto the purse.



With the main part of the bag right sides out, place the lining, with right sides together over the main piece of the bag. Pin in place along the top of the bag and sew with a 5/8" seam allowance. Reinforce the tabs and the button strap by backstitching these several times. Once top is sewn you will turn your purse through the opening in the lining. Once this is done you will press the opening in the lining and sew this closed. Some sew this by hand but I stitch mine on the machine. You will then press the lining and bag making crisp edges on the top. Once pressed you will topstitch along the top edge of the bag, reinforcing the tabs again. Once this step is complete you are ready to add the handles. Slip through the D rings and measure for the length

Step 11 — Putting together the main part of the purse.

you want your handles to be. Sew the handles in place around the ring. And TAH DAH you have a wonderful shoulder bag.

Step 13 — OOPS I almost forgot the button!



I used a button kit and covered a large button with the handle fabric and then attached it to the bag.

Step 14 — Pocket placement



When placing the lining on the main fabric make sure your large pocket is on the same side as your button strap, this will ensure that the pocket will be on the right side of the bag when turned.

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