Dotted Dream
purse
width 30 cm, height 22 cm

MATERIALS
- 40 cm floral and 10 cm polka-dot printed fabric for exterior
- 55 cm striped fabric for lining
- 40 cm interfacing, Vlieseline G 700, width 90 cm
- 100 cm velvet ribbon, width 10 mm
- sew-on snap fastener, ø 14 mm
(- 7 cm x 27 cm piece of stiff cardboard)

Suitable materials for the purse are: velvet (velveteen), corduroy, denim or tightly-woven cotton fabric.

ABOUT PATTERN
Print out the pattern sheets, cut the pattern pieces out and join them as indicated by the small-scale pattern pieces. Add 1 cm seam allowances to all edges when cutting out the purse pieces from the fabrics.

CUTTING
Cut purse lining (1) from striped fabric. Cut up pattern for purse lining into two pattern pieces: upper part of purse (1A) and lower part of purse (1B). Cut upper parts of purse and handles from polka-dot fabric and lower part of purse from floral fabric as indicated on list of pattern pieces.

SEWING
Seams and hems: Stitch seams with straight stitch and topstitch them close to edge. No seam finish is necessary as the purse is fully lined.

Interfacing: Cut interfacing for handles and for all purse exterior pieces and fuse them in place. Do not add seam allowances to interfacing for handles.

Handles: Fold handle piece in half, right sides together, and stitch its long edges together. Press seam open and turn handle right side out. Press handle flat, placing seam in the middle of handle. Fold handle in half again, with pressed edges together and seam inside folded handle, and stitch edges of handle together between pattern markings.

Joining: Pin and stitch upper parts of purse to lower part, right sides together. Fold seam allowances toward upper parts and topstitch seams. Cut pieces of velvet ribbon for trims along seams joining upper and lower parts of purse. Measure required lengths of ribbon on pattern piece and add seam allowances. Pin ribbons along seams, placing them on upper parts of purse, and stitch them in place along both edges.

Cut 4 cm and 10 cm pieces from velvet ribbon. Stitch ends of longer piece of ribbon together and fold ribbon to form bow. Wrap shorter piece of ribbon around bow to form center of bow and stitch to secure it. Cut 20 cm piece from velvet ribbon and stitch it at its midpoint over seam joining upper and lower part of purse, right sides together. Fold each half of ribbon so that right side is facing out. Stitch bow on top of ribbon.

Pin and stitch side seams of purse exterior, right sides together. Stitch seams at bottom corners, right sides together. Machine-baste ends of each handle to top edge of purse, right sides together, as marked on pattern.

Stitch side seams of purse lining; leave 10 cm opening in one side seam for turning purse right side out. Stitch seams at bottom corners of lining. Press side seams of both purse exterior and lining open.

Joining purse exterior and lining: Insert purse exterior and lining within one another, right sides together and with handles in between. Stitch top edge of purse. Turn purse right side out. Press and topstitch its top edge.

If you wish you can insert a piece of cardboard at the bottom of the purse between the exterior and lining. Close opening for turning on lining. Sew on snap fastener as marked on pattern.
Dotted Dream II