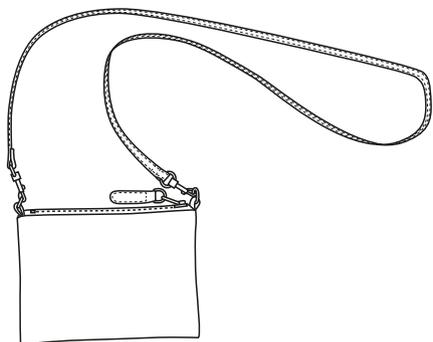


SHOULDER PURSE

Size 17 cm x 12 cm;
length of shoulder strap 97 cm

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MATERIALS

- 20 cm faux leather, width 135 cm, weight 207 g/m²
- 15 cm printed cotton fabric for lining
- 20 cm iron-on batting (fusible fleece), Vlieseline® H 640
- metal zipper, length 15 cm
- 2 small lobster clasps
- 3 D-rings, width 15 mm
- textile glue, Gütermann®
- matching topstitching thread, Epic no. 80



ABOUT DESIGN

The purse has a detachable shoulder strap with lobster clasps that attach to the D-rings sewn on the purse. The exterior purse panel is stiffened with fusible fleece to add stability to the purse.

CUTTING

Cut one 19 cm x 26 cm piece from faux leather for purse exterior and two 18.5 cm x 13.5 cm pieces from cotton fabric for purse lining. Cut also from faux leather: 4 cm x 100 cm piece for shoulder strap, 4 cm x 10 cm piece for attaching D-rings, and 1 cm x 8 cm piece for zipper pull. All measurements include 10 mm seam allowances.

SEWING

Construction techniques: Stitch seams with straight stitch with 10 mm seam allowances. No seam finish is necessary as the purse is fully lined. Use Teflon presser foot for stitching faux leather.

Stabilizing: Iron piece of fusible fleece onto wrong side of purse exterior panel.

Preparation: Fold faux-leather piece cut for attaching D-rings in half lengthwise wrong sides together, turn seam allowances at its long edges in and stitch edges together close to edge.

Cut strip into two equal-length pieces. Thread pieces through D-rings, fold them in half to form loops and machine-baste their open ends together. Machine-baste D-ring loops to ends of zipper right sides together, placing them close to ends of zipper teeth so that the distance between D-ring loops is 16 cm.

Insert the third D-ring through the hole on zipper pull tab. Thread faux-leather piece cut for zipper pull through D-ring and fold it in half, wrapping it around straight bar of ring. Glue folded zipper-pull halves together. Round corners at end of pull, then edgestitch around pull and stitch across it close to D-ring.

Shoulder strap: Fold shoulder strap in half lengthwise wrong sides together, turn seam allowances at its long edges in and stitch edges together close to edge. Topstitch the other long edge of strap close to edge. Use Teflon presser foot for stitching. However, if the strap still tends to twist when sewing it, you can glue its turned-in edges in position before sewing or place a strip of tissue paper between the strap and the presser foot to prevent the foot from sticking to the faux leather. Check and adjust the length of shoulder strap. Thread ends of strap through lobster clasps, fold them back and stitch them in place with two rows of stitching.

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Joining:

1. Stitch zipper halves to shorter edges of purse exterior panel right sides together, using zipper foot and starting and ending stitching at lines of machine-basting that attach D-ring loops to zipper.

2. Lay each lining panel on purse exterior panel right sides together, sandwiching zipper in between and aligning longer edges of lining panels with edges of zipper tapes. Stitch lining panels to zipper edges along previous stitching lines.

3. Stitch side seams of purse exterior with 10 mm seam allowances, thus leaving 5 mm gaps between side seamlines and ends of stitching lines that attach zipper. Make sure to open the zipper before stitching, so that you will be able to turn the purse right side out.

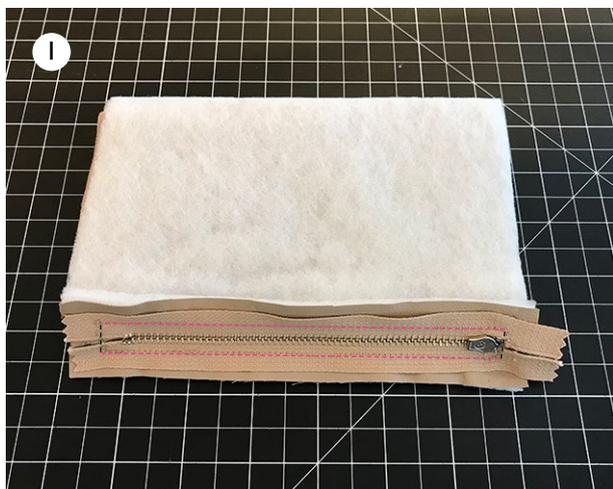
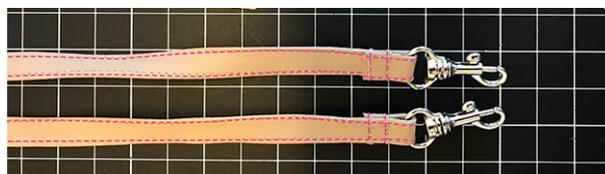
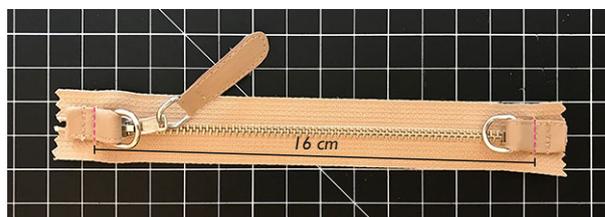
4. Trim side-seam seam allowances slightly and finger-press seams open. Stitch ends of zipper to top edge of purse, centering them over side seamlines (D-ring loops are sandwiched between ends of zipper and purse exterior).

5. Pin and stitch side and bottom edges of lining panels right sides together, leaving approx. 8 cm opening for turning at bottom edge; curve bottom corners slightly as you stitch. Trim seam allowances on lining slightly.

6. Turn purse right side out and close opening by hand-stitching.

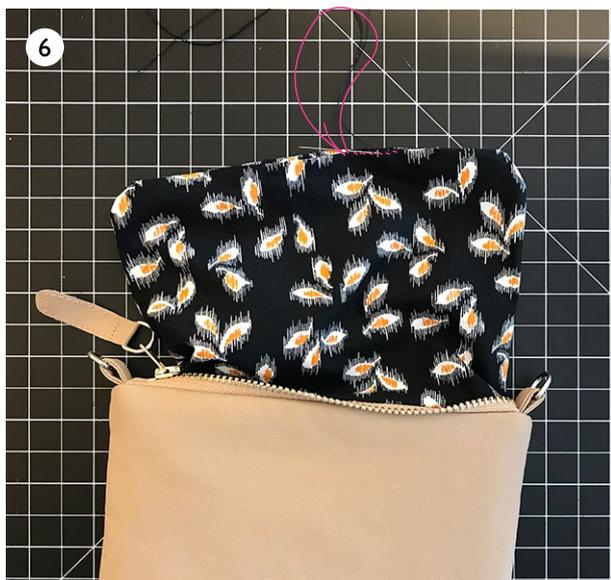
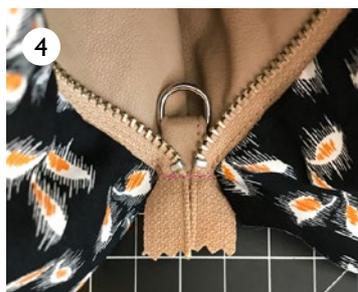
7. Attach shoulder strap by clipping lobster clasps onto D-rings on purse.

Well done, the purse is finished!



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