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Handbag.

I used oilcloth fabric to make this bag.

1. Cut out two pieces 12.5" x 10.5" for the front and back.

Cut out two pieces 16.5" x 3.5" for the sides.

Cut out one piece 12.5" x 3.5" for the bottom.

Cut out two pieces 12.5" x 2.5" for the top, the zip will go between these pieces.

Cut two pieces 3.5" x 5" to add to the top. (not shown in photograph.)

You will also need two wooden rings to add the shoulder strap and a plastic buckle to adjust the shoulder strap.



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2. Take one of the sides and a wooden hoop fold the edges of the side to the wrong side then thread through the hoop for a hem, **TIP!!** Use paper clips to hold the oilcloth fabric in place instead of pins. Figure 1.

Match hems then sew just underneath the wooden hoop, figure 2, this will keep the hoop in place and hold the hems in place. **TIP!!** If you have one use a walking foot as oilcloth fabric can stick to the machine and the walking foot helps top keep it moving under the foot. The hem needs to be just below 10" from the bottom of the side so there will be no raw edges on the sides as they will be hidden by the side seams.

TIP!! Place paper under the oilcloth to stop it from sticking to the machine.

Do the same with the other side and hoop. Figure 3



Figure 1.

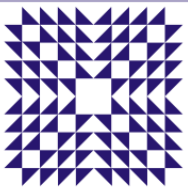


Figure 2.



Figure 3.





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3. To the front add the sides, figure 4.
Then add the back, figure 5.



Figure 4.



Figure 5.

4. To add the bottom of the bag sew the two short sides first then the to long sides. Figure 6, figure 7 and figure 8.

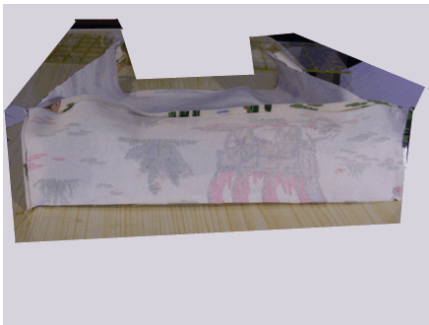


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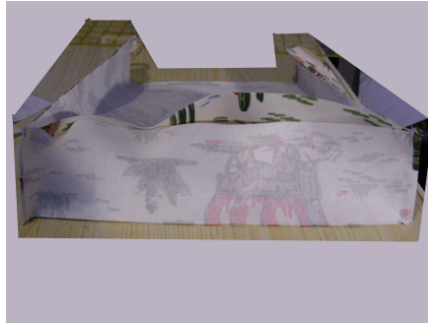


Figure 7.



Figure 8.

5. Take the two pieces for the top to add the zip.

Change the sewing foot to a zipper sewing foot, fold over the edge that will go over the zip, it will not stay folded but it makes it a little easier as you add the zip.

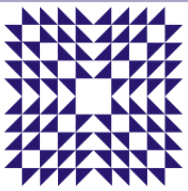
Keep the zipper foot as close to the metal part of the zip. Figures 9 and 10.



Figure 9.



Figure 10.



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6. At both ends of the zip add one of the 3.5" x 5.5" pieces of fabric, leave the ends loose.

Take the top and fold the edges over and using paper clips pace it in position, the wrong sides together, this is stitched with the right sides out.

Sew the long sides first, then turn the ends under the top but in front of the wooden hoop. Then sew under the wooden hoop and the sides.

Figure 11 shows the top with the end loose being held in place by paper clips while the top is stitched in place.

Figure 12 shows the finished end .



Figure 11.



Figure 12.

7. Add a handle to complete the bag. Figure 13 shows the finished bag, I have added two small purses to one end.



Figure 13.

