

How to make

Project # 2410

Clutch Bag



Instructions

Step 1: Cut a rectangle 35cm wide x 45cm high from your outer fabric, the Armoweft interfacing, the Shapewell interfacing, your lining fabric. Optional: We did small pintucks on our fabric and then cut the right side rectangle afterwards.

Step 2: Using an iron set to the correct temperature for your fabric, iron the Armoweft interfacing directly onto the wrong side of your outer fabric. Place the Shapewell interfacing over this fused layer. Fold all layers in half with right side inside and stitch down both sides to create a flat bag. Then stitch across both bottom corners to create a box shape (see diagram *). Repeat Step B with the lining fabric (no need to reinforce the lining with interfacing).

Step 3: Turn the lining inside out and put it inside the outer layer (right sides facing) Pinning it into place. Stitch 2 cm down from the top all around the top, leaving a gap at the back edge to turn the bag right way out. Turn bag right way out and press all seams and top edge. Pin the gap closed and stitch all around the top edge to hold lining in place and make a firmer edge.

Step 4: Make a flap by cutting 2 rectangles of outer fabric 17cm high x 20 cm wide (or one of lining and 1 of outer fabric). Place these right sides together and sew all edges, rounding the bottom two corners if required and being sure to leave a small gap in the stitching at the top edge to turn the flap right side out. Iron, and top stitch the edges of this flap.

Step 5: Attach the flap to the middle of back approx 1cm down from the top with 2 rows of stitching.

Step 6: Turn the bag inside out and run a line of stitching in line with the edge of the flap down for approx 2 cm to bring the bag in at the top with a pleat on both sides.

Step 7: Attach a button and loop to the front (or your choice of fastening) to close bag.