

Soft Leather Fold Over Clutch

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Supplies

Machine & Accessories

- BERNINA 3 Series or 5 Series machine
- Reverse Pattern Foot #1/1C/1D
- Non-Stick Open Embroidery Foot #56

Fabric & Notions

- 2 rectangles of soft leather (such as lambskin or pigskin) or soft imitation leather or suede, 12" x 18" each
- 3 rectangles of firmly woven, medium weight fabric for lining:
 - Two 12" by 11" each for purse lining
 - One 8" x 10" for pocket
- Universal Needle #80
- Leather Needle #90
- Polyester embroidery thread for construction and topstitching
- Magnetic purse closure
- Rubber Cement
- Brayer or wallpaper roller
- Binder clips to use in place of pins
- Chalk marker

Create this useful clutch purse in a soft leather, suede, or vinyl. Made of simple rectangles, this purse is a great beginner project and is fully lined with an interior open pocket.

Finished size:

Open—10½" x 12½"

Closed—approximately 10½" x 7½"

Directions

Insert a Universal needle into the machine and thread the machine with the selected thread, using the same thread in the bobbin.

Attach Reverse Pattern Foot #1/1C/1D to machine.

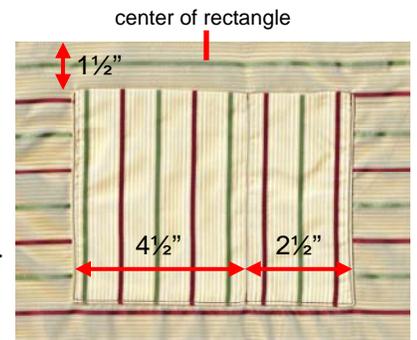
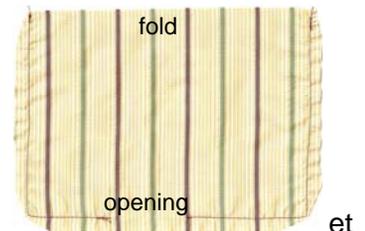
Lining

Fold pocket rectangle of lining in half, right sides together, across the 8" side.

Stitch along three open sides, leaving an opening on the lower edge for turning.

Trim the seam allowances at the corners & turn pocket to the right side; press.

Position the pocket on one of the lining rectangles, 1½" down from the upper edge and centered from side to side, with the folded edge at the top. Stitch along the side and lower edges to close the opening and secure the pocket. Stitch a vertical line as shown to create two pockets.



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Place the second rectangle of lining right side down over the pocket, aligning the raw edges of both lining pieces. Stitch the sides, leaving the lower edge of the lining open. Set the lining aside.

Purse

Insert a leather needle into the machine and thread the machine with the selected thread, using the same thread in the bobbin.

Attach Non-Stick Open Embroidery Foot #56 to the sewing machine.

Place the two leather/vinyl rectangles right sides together. Use binder clips to hold the pieces in place along one long side. *Note: If pins are used, place them in the seam allowances as they will leave holes.*

Sew the seam on the clipped side, removing the clips as you come to them.



Finger press the seam open or use a wooden tool to flatten the seam allowances.



Tip: Position the leather wrong side up over a pressing ham to open the seam allowances.

From the right side, stitch on each side of the seam, positioning the inner edge of the left toe with the seam and adjusting needle 1-2 positions from Center (as shown in the next photo).



Stitch, then topstitch, the remaining seam in the same way, carefully keeping the other side of the



Fold the purse so the seam lines are at the center front and center back of the purse.

Sew the seam across the lower edge of the clutch. Using rubber cement, glue the seam allowances down and flatten them using a brayer or wallpaper seam roller.



Magnetic Closure

Measure 2" down from the top of the purse along each seam line in the front and the back; mark. Position the upper edge of the magnetic closure at the mark.

Following the manufacturer's instructions, attach one side of the magnetic snap on each seam line (one front, one back).



Assembly

Turn the clutch right side out and slip the lining over it with the wrong side out (right sides together). Stitch the clutch and the lining together along the upper edge (in a circle), removing the clips as you come to them. *Tip: Slip the purse over the freearm of the machine to make stitching the upper edge easy.*



Turn the lining to the right side and finger press all seam allowances to the lining side. Stitch along the seam on the lining, sewing through all seam allowances.



Turn the lining to the inside of the purse, folding 4" of the leather to the inside (this places the magnetic closure on the inside of the purse). Slip the purse over the freearm. Adjust the needle 1-2 positions to the right.

From the right side, stitch edgestitch along the fold (upper edge of purse), positioning the inner edge of the left toe with the folded edge of the leather. Start and end at the center front seam.



Pull the lower edge of the lining out and edgestitch them together (seam allowances turned in).



Tuck the lining down into the purse.

