



A Charming Clutch

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Fabric Amounts

Outside Fabric- FQ or $\frac{3}{8}$ yard

Inside Fabric- FQ or $\frac{3}{8}$ yard

2 ½" x 2 ½" mini charm squares- 13 squares

(Fusible) Fleece or batting- $\frac{3}{8}$ yard

Zipper- 12" or longer- will cut it down as needed

Optional: Fusible Interfacing- $\frac{3}{8}$ yard

Optional: magnetic closure, decorative button, zipper pull

General Directions

Read through all directions before beginning. Sew using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam unless otherwise specified.

Seam allowances are built into the cutting directions. All pieces are sewn with right sides together (RST) unless otherwise specified. Cutting directions are based on fabric 40" wide- adjust quantity as needed if using fabric of different lengths or FQs. WOF means width of fabric. Follow the arrows for pressing suggestions.

Cutting Directions

Outside Fabric

Cut: 1 strip 10 ½" x WOF- sub cut into 1 rectangle 3 ¾" x 10 ½"; 1 rectangle 3 ¼" x 10 ½";

1 rectangle 2 ¾" x 10 ½", 1 rectangle 1" x 10 ½" and 1 inside pocket 7" x 8 ½".

Cut: 1 square 6 ½" x 6 ½" and 1 rectangle 2 ½" x 6 ½" for the flap.

Inside Fabric

Cut: 1 strip 10 ½" x WOF- sub cut into 1 rectangle 12 ½" x 10 ½" and 1 inside flap 6 ½" x 10 ½".

Fleece

Cut: 1 rectangle 12 ½" x 10 ½" and 1 rectangle 6 ½" x 10 ½".

Interfacing

Cut: 1 rectangle 12 ½" x 10 ½" ; 1 rectangle 6 ½" x 10 ½"; 1 rectangle 7" x 8 ½" and 1 rectangle 1" x 10 ½" .

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Making the Clutch

Step 1

Sew 5 mini charms together in a row. Row should measure 2 ½" x 10 ½". Make 2 rows for the outside of the bag.

Sew 3 mini charms together in a vertical row for the flap. Row should measure 2 ½" x 6 ½".



Step 2

Lay out the outside bag pieces as shown and sew together: start with the 2 ¾" x 10 ½" outside rectangle, a row of 5 mini charms, the 3 ¼" x 10 ½" outside rectangle, a row of 5 mini charms and end with the 3 ¾" x 10 ½" outside rectangle.



Step 3

Sew the 2 ½" x 6 ½" mini charm row in between the 6 ½" x 6 ½" square and the 2 ½" x 6 ½" rectangle.

Flap should measure 6 ½" x 10 ½".



Step 4

Optional: I like to use interfacing to give the bag a little more shape. If using both the interfacing and fleece like me, first fuse the interfacing in place to wrong side of the outside bag piece and the outside flap. Then fuse the fleece. If you are using sew in fleece, pin in place.

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Step 5

Mark the outside flap as shown and trim the edges to make the angled look. Layer the outside and inside flap pieces right sides together and trim inside piece to match angles of outside piece. Sew around sides and bottom; leave top seam open. Turn flap right sides out, push out corners and press flat.



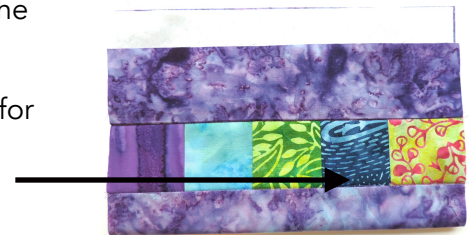
Optional: if you want to add a magnetic closure, add it to the flap now. Before quilting. (If you look at the photo, you can see I started to quilt and suddenly remembered the closure!) I added mine behind the lower 2" square. Follow the instructions included with your closure. Just be sure not to cut into the outside of the bag- just thru the inside and the fleece!



Step 6

Quilt flap and outside bag as desired. Or not. I would recommend at least topstitching around the edges of the flap, about 1/8" in from edge.

Optional: If you added a magnetic closure on the flap, center the flap on top of the bag, bottom edge of the flap even with the bottom of the first pieced row of squares. Mark the placement for the closure. Attach it following directions included with your closure.



Step 7

Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of the pocket. Fold the pocket unit in half, right sides together. The pocket should be 7" wide. Stitch around the sides and the bottom leaving open about 3" for turning. Turn pocket right sides out. Topstitch across top edge. The pocket should measure about 4" tall x 6 1/2" wide.

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Position pocket centered along one end of the inside bag, the top of the pocket about 2" down from the top edge. Topstitch in place along sides and the bottom, catching the unfinished lower edge in the seam.



Step 9

Lay the inside bag face down with the pocket along the bottom.



Layer the outside bag on top, wrong sides together, top edges even. Then lay the zipper right side down on top of the bag unit, top edges even and the zipper pull over to the left. The zipper should extend past the side of the bag on both sides.



Stitch the zipper to the bag using a 1/4" seam. Turn the zipper right sides up and topstitch 1/8" away from the seam.

Step 10

Fuse interfacing to the 1" x 10 1/2" outside fabric rectangle. Position it along the top edge of the zipper, right sides together. Side edges of the rectangle should line up with the side edges of the bag. Stitch with a 1/4" seam. Turn the rectangle right sides up and topstitch 1/8" away from the seam.



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Step 11

Open up the zipper halfway. Don't forget this step- otherwise the bag will be sewn closed!

Center the flap unit right sides up on the front of the bag, top edges even.

Fold the bag up from the bottom. The pocket unit should be at the top. Double check to make sure the squares line up. Pin in place. You may need to tug a little on the inside piece to get it to line up at the top- there are a lot of layers!

Sew the side seams and the top seam. Keep the sides of the flap out of the side seam allowances. You may want to use a walking foot since there are a lot of layers.

You can finish the edges with a zigzag stitch if desired. Or, if you have one, you can serge the seams. Trim away the excess zipper ends.

Step 12

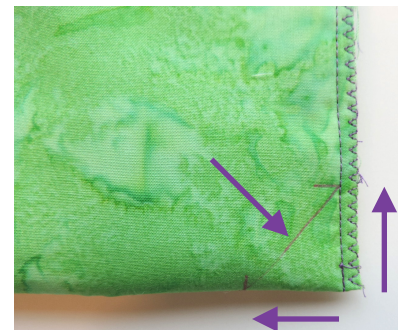
For the 2 bottom corners, measure 1" up and 1" over and draw a diagonal line. Stitch along the line and trim seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Turn bag right sides out and push out corners.

Done!

I added a jazzy button to the flap of my bag and a cute zipper pull- isn't it fun?

Enjoy!



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