

Wristlet Project Bag

Supplies

2 – 12" x 12" exterior fabric

2 – 12" x 12" fusible fleece

2 – 12" x 4" strips of cork, vinyl or other stable fabric

2 – 12" x 14" lining fabric

1 – 2" x 21" strip of contrast fabric for wrist strap

12" or longer zipper

½" swivel clasp

½" d-ring

Coordinating threads for sewing and embroidery

Instructions:

1. Fuse fusible fleece to wrong side of exterior fabric following manufacturers instructions.
2. Quilt as desired.
3. Pin and sew cork strip to the bottom of each quilted panel using ¼" seam allowance
4. Topstitch the seam allowance so that it stays flipped down (it's really difficult to properly press cork or vinyl, so finger press the best you can.
5. Attach your zipper to your bag, using your preferred method (I like to sandwich the zipper between the lining and exterior fabrics). Do not topstitch, leave your zipper open for turning.
6. Press your 2" strip in half, and then press the halves to the middle (Like binding). Cut off a 2.5" piece for the loop of your strap. Thread your strap through the ring of the swivel clasp, and then stitch the ends of your strap. (This will form a continuous loop.) Topstitch both long edges, moving the swivel clasp out of the way as you go.
7. Topstitch the loop for the d-ring. Place the loop through the d-ring, and then topstitch beside it to hold the d-ring in place. Pin the loop to the top of an exterior panel, about 2" down from the top.
8. Fold your wrist strap in half and topstitch beside the swivel clasp so that it can't move. I stitched through it several times to give it some extra strength.
9. Sew your side seams and bottom of bag, stopping and backstitching when you get to the zipper. I also sewed over the wrist loop a couple of times for extra stability. I found it helpful to sew the lining with a slightly wider seam allowance to make it easier to fit into the inside. Make sure to leave an opening for turning.
10. Before you turn, box in your corners of both the exterior and lining sections (I used a 3" seam, you may wish to alter this to have a narrower or wider base of your bag.
11. Turn your bag right side out.
12. Fiddle with the zipper ends so that you have nice crisp corners, and then topstitch around the top of the bag.
13. Attach your strap, and fill your bag with your favorite project.