

FUN AND EASY PURSE TUTORIAL

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SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- FABRIC, SOMETHING PRETTY AND FUN FOR THE OUTSIDE OF THE BAG.
- LINING FABRIC, SOLID OR COORDINATING.
- ACCENT/BAND/HANDLE FABRIC. I PREFER A HEAVY WEIGHT FABRIC FOR THE TOP BAND AND HANDLES.
- ULTRA FIRM OR FUSIBLE FLEECE TO GIVE THE BAG A NICE SHAPE AND STABILITY.
- MEDIUM IRON ON STABILIZER
- BUTTON (OPTIONAL)
- VELCRO OR MAGNETIC SNAP (OPTIONAL)



**Cut 2 Inside Pocket Pieces
15" X 7". You can use contrasting
fabrics as I have done here or use
the same fabric for both pieces.**



**Cut 1 piece of
Ultra Firm
16" X 27" (width
off bolt)**

**Cut 1 Piece for
Lining 15" X 28"**



OUTSIDE POCKET

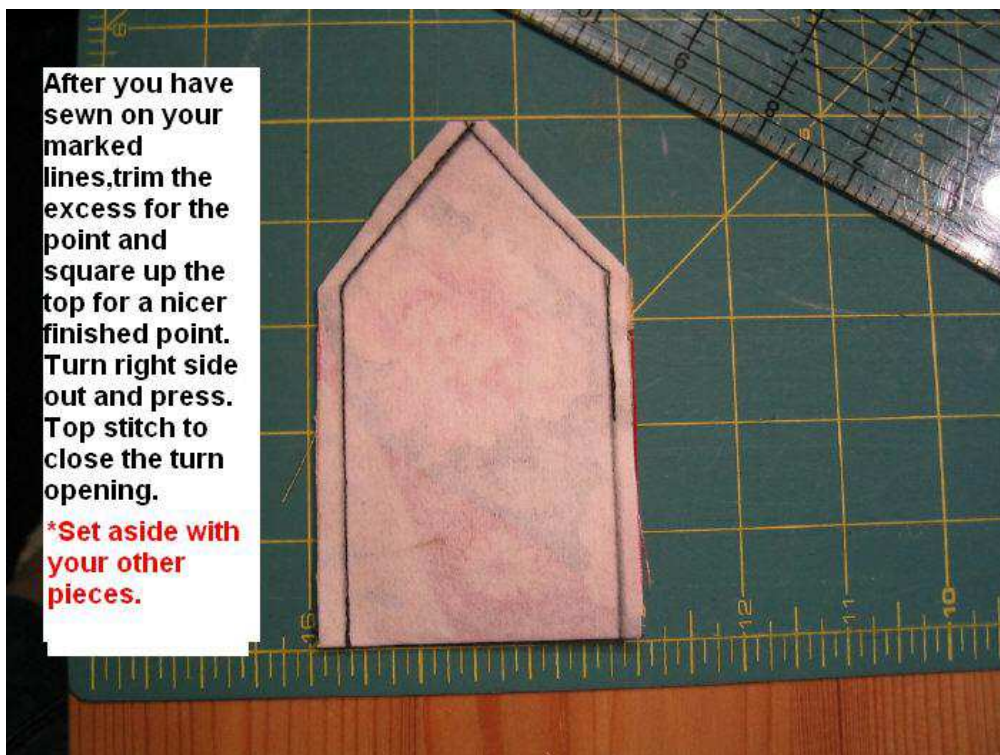
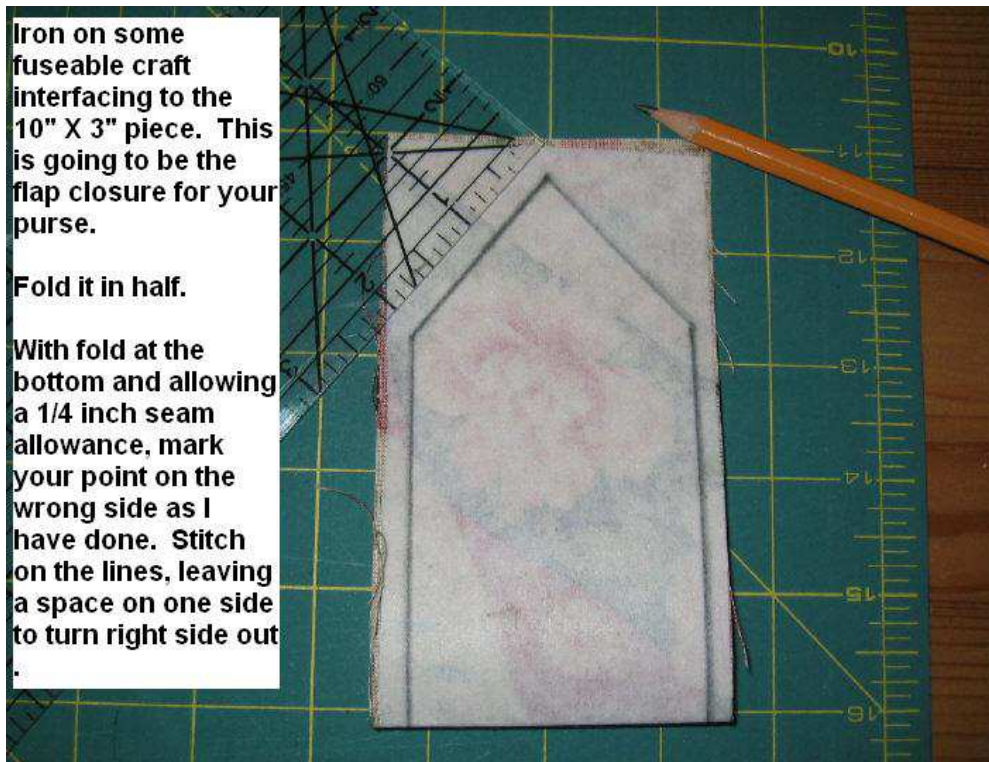
With **RIGHT** sides together, sew the top pocket band to one end of the outside pocket piece. Pull the opposite side up and sew it to the other side of the black topper.



Next sew the sides of the pocket/fold is at the bottom. Be sure to leave a small opening large enough to turn the pocket right side out. This will give you a nice self-lined pocket. Turn and Press.

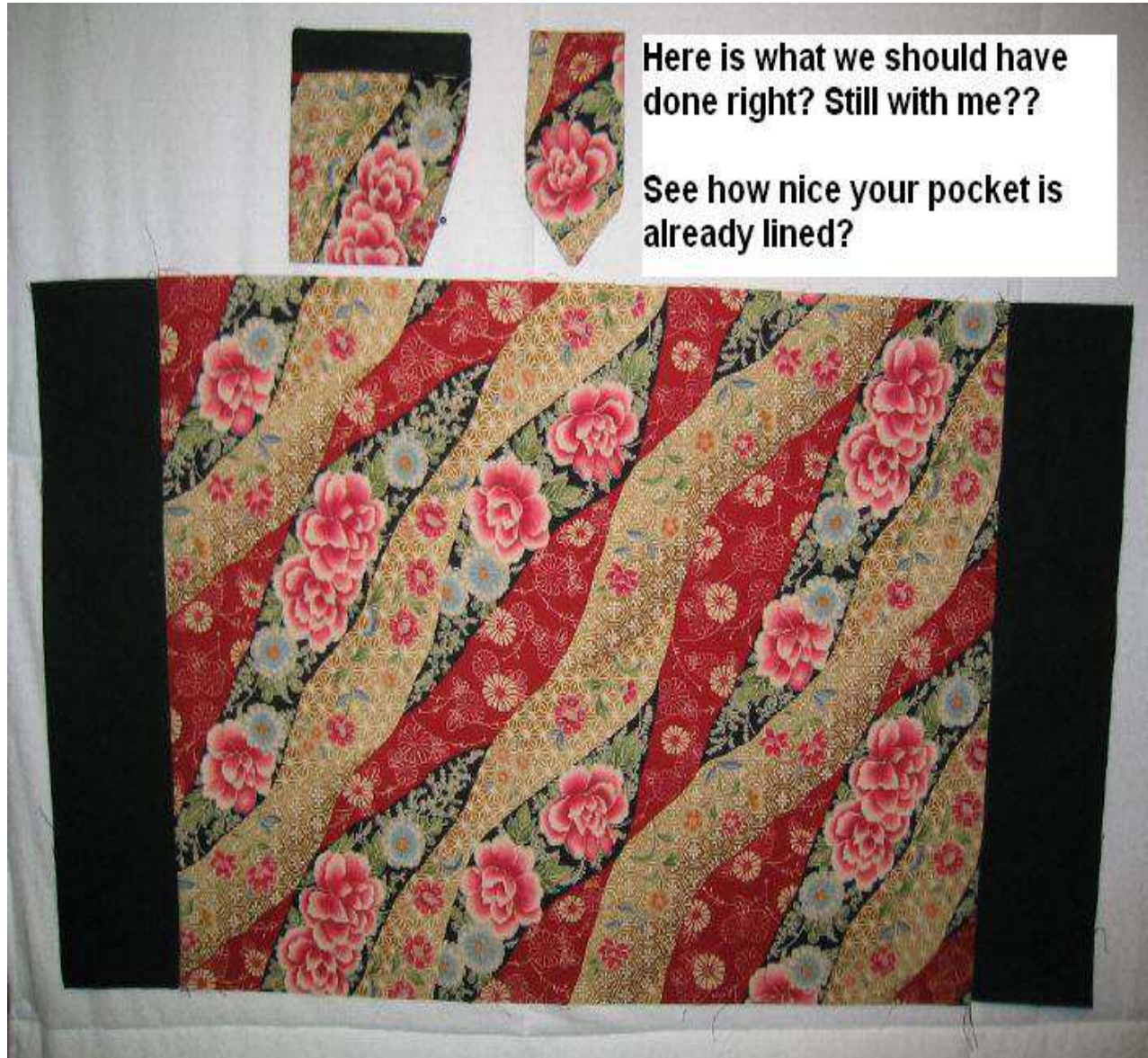
***Set aside for now, we will come back to it.**

FLAP CLOSURE



OUTSIDE OF PURSE

STITCH ONE TOP BAND TO EACH END OF THE OUTER PURSE FABRIC PIECE AS SHOWN & PRESS.

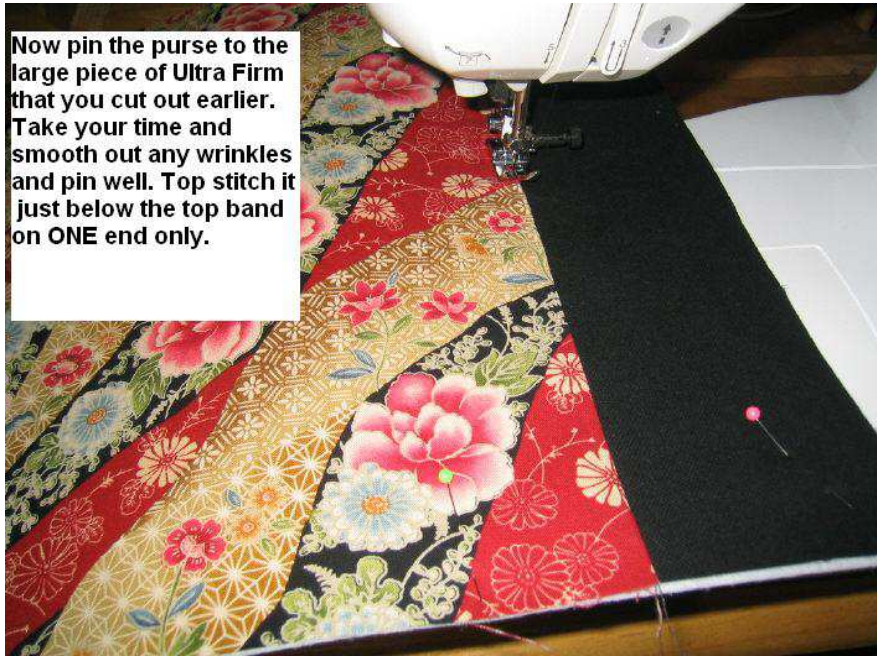


****IMPORTANT-** If you are using a magnetic clasp, you need to attach it before stitching the flap pieces together so the back side of it is hidden inside. You will also stitch the second part of the magnetic clasp to the front of the bag before you put the lining in side as shown.

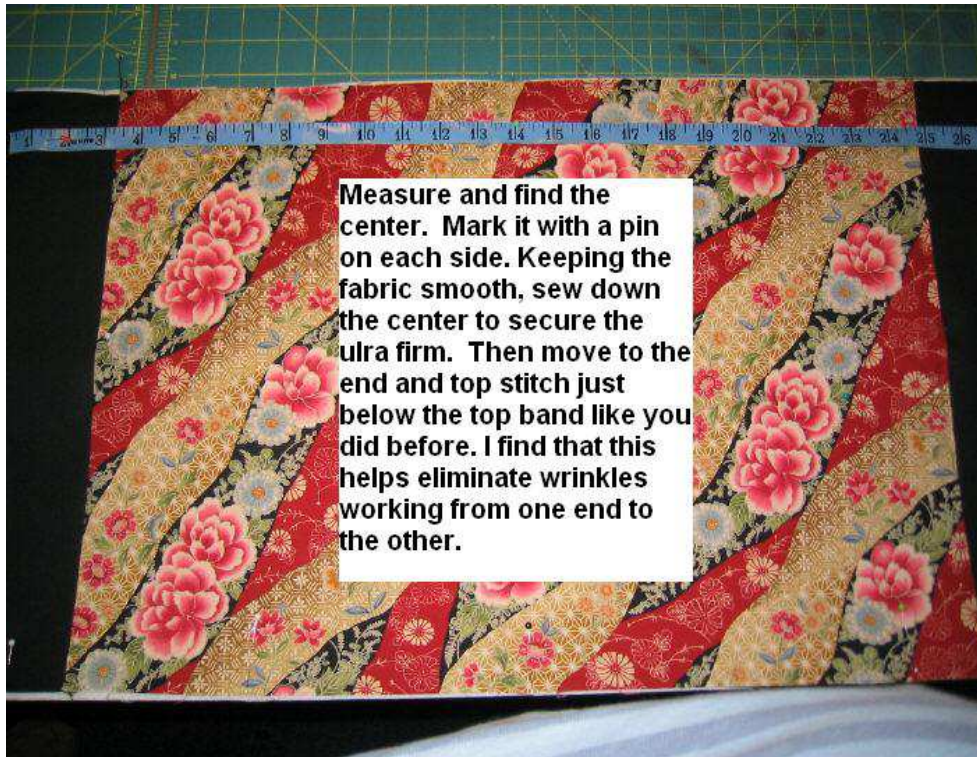
OK, now take that flap piece and sew a piece of velcro to the back side. Sew the other piece to the purse, centering it just at the bottom of the top of the band on the front side of the purse. Choose a button and sew it to the other side of the flap.



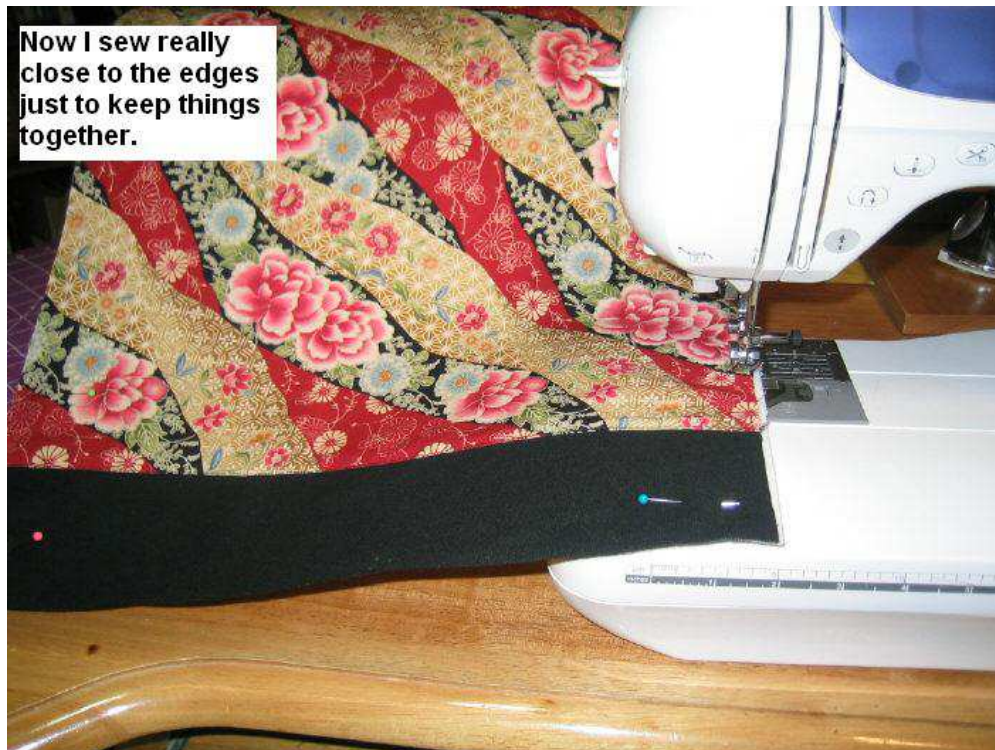
Now pin the purse to the large piece of Ultra Firm that you cut out earlier. Take your time and smooth out any wrinkles and pin well. Top stitch it just below the top band on ONE end only.



**ADHESIVE SPRAY CAN BE USED THE FABRIC IN PLACE.
I USUALLY SMOOTH AND PIN WELL.**



Measure and find the center. Mark it with a pin on each side. Keeping the fabric smooth, sew down the center to secure the ultra firm. Then move to the end and top stitch just below the top band like you did before. I find that this helps eliminate wrinkles working from one end to the other.



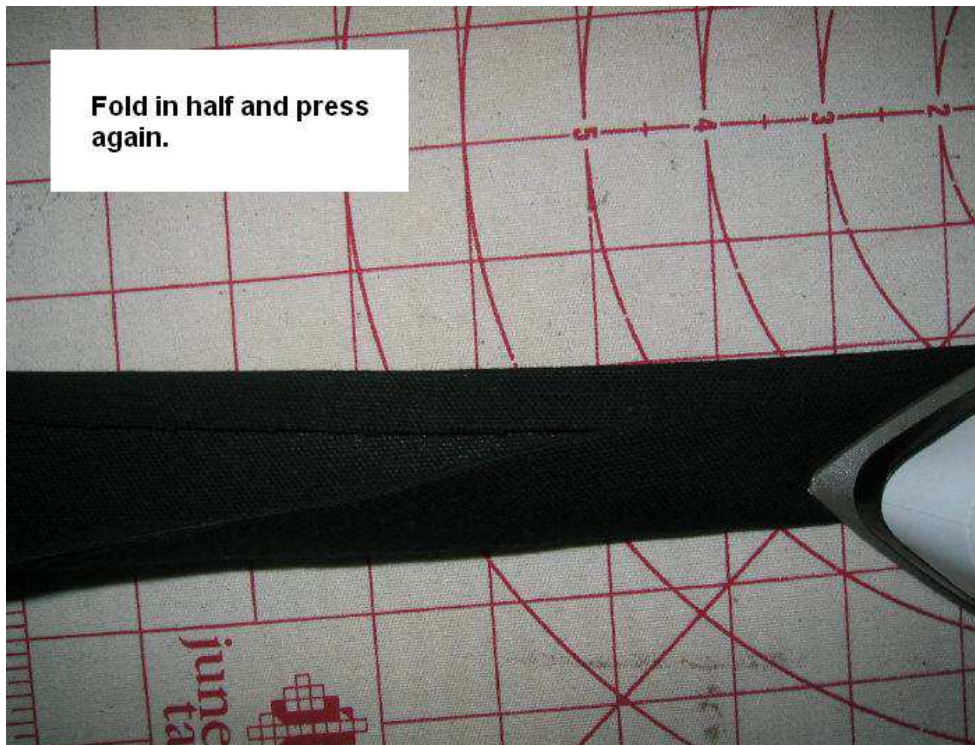
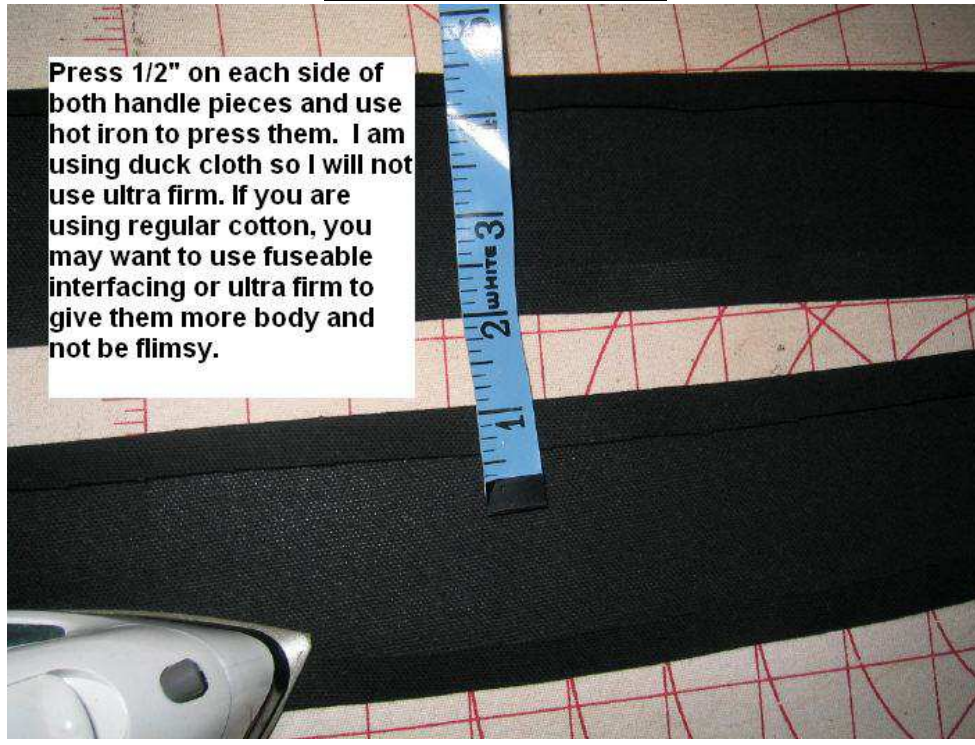
Now I sew really close to the edges just to keep things together.

OUTSIDE POCKET

Now it is time to add your pretty pocket. Center and pin it about 2 inches from the bottom of the top band. Are we good so far???



HANDLES





Top Stitch on both sides.
Set to the side we will come back to them.



Pin the flap to the center of the **BACKSIDE** of the purse with the velcro side up. Measure 4 3/4 inches from each side and pin handles as shown. Do the same for the handles on the front side of the purse.

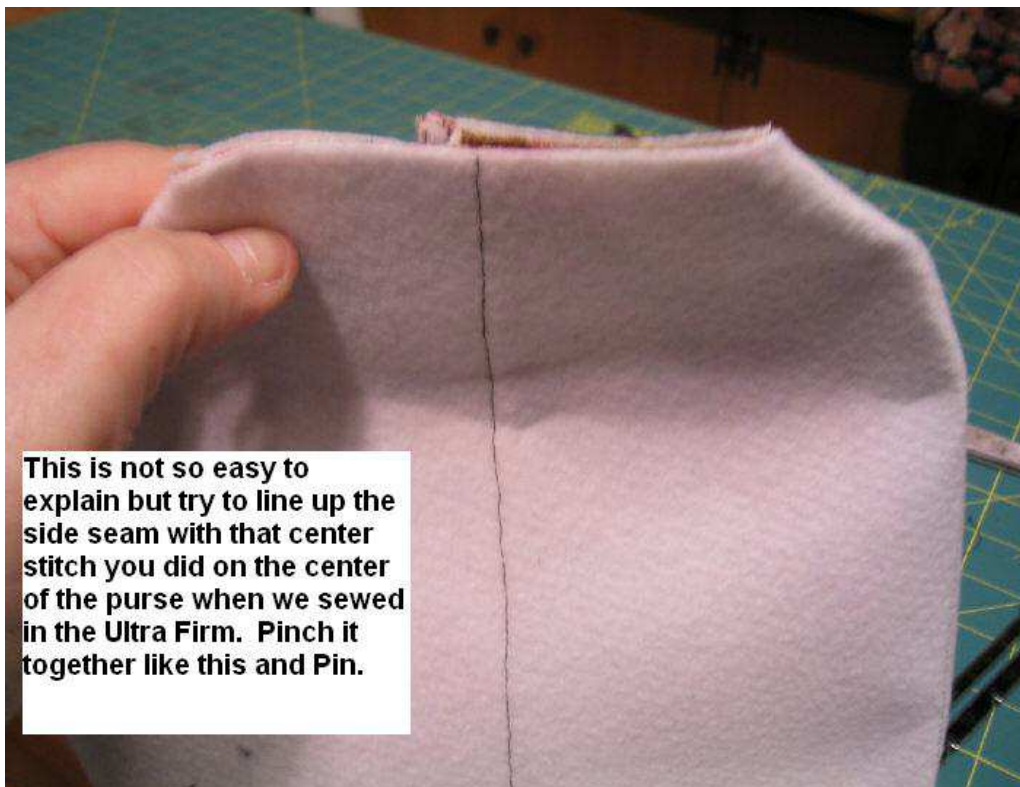
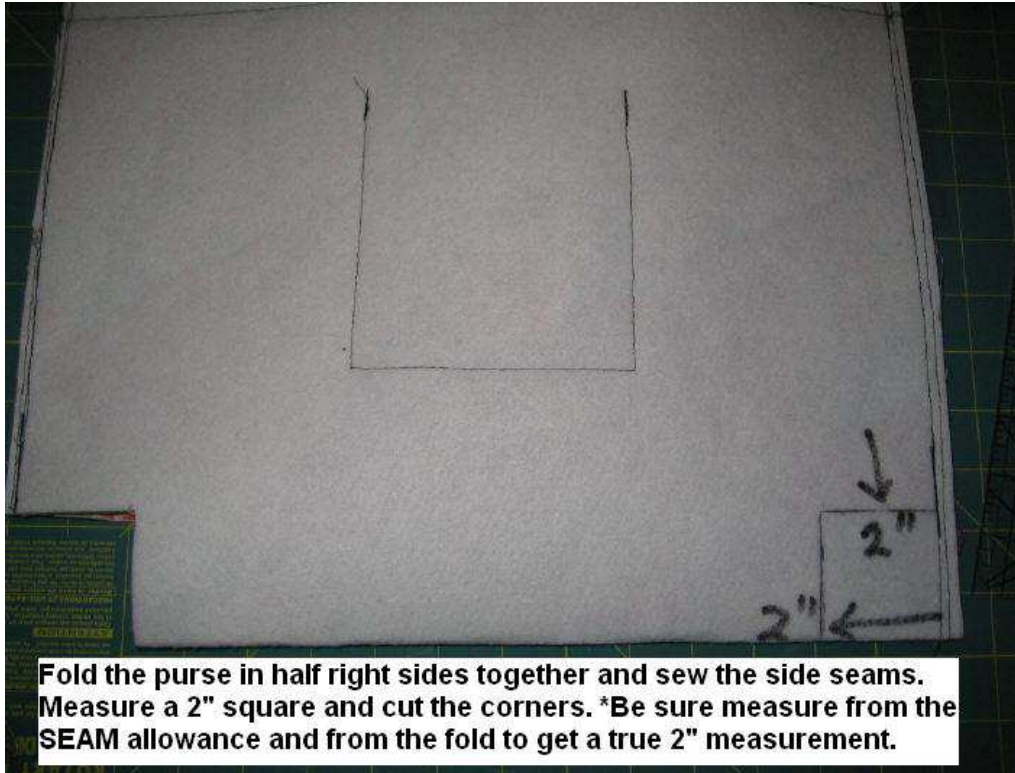
WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS NOW 😊

Sew the handles and flap to the purse like this.



BACK STITCH A FEW TIMES WHEN YOU ARE STITCHING THE HANDLES AND FLAP SO THEY ARE REALLY SECURED.

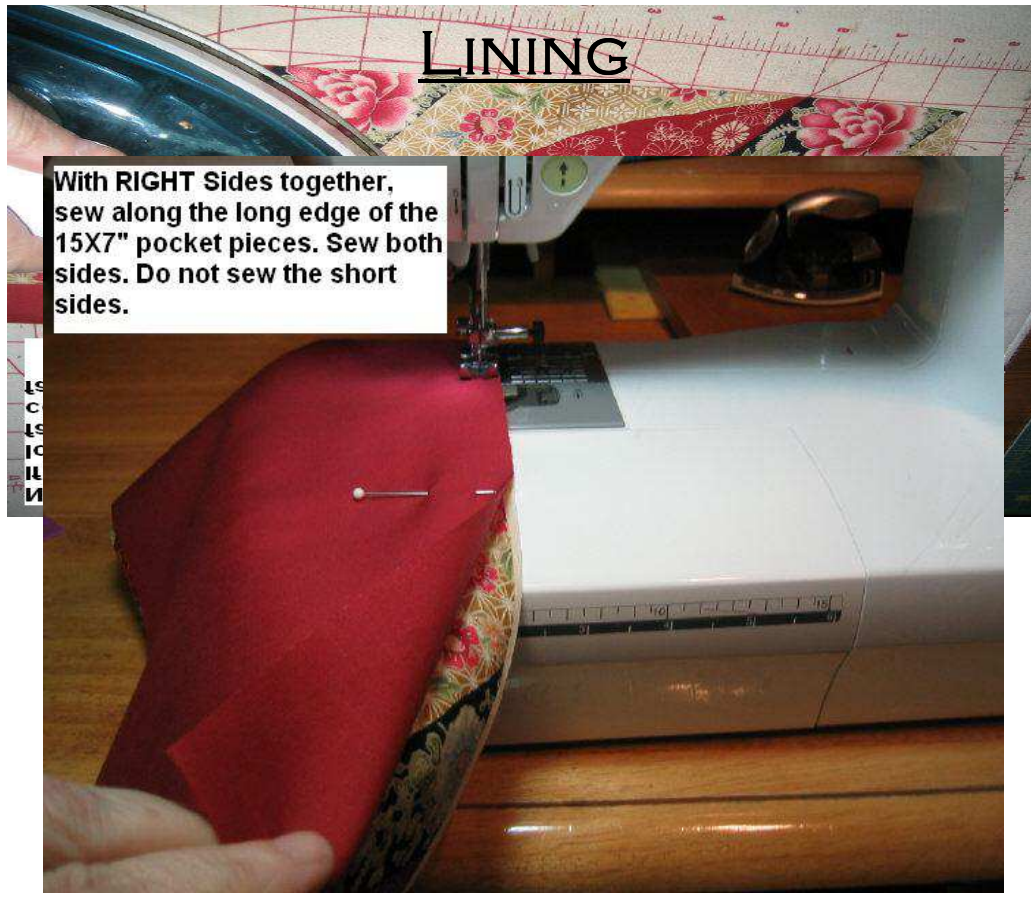
READY TO MOVE ON ????





THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR PURSE IS DONE.

NEXT WE ARE MOVING ON TO THE LINING.



Now turn it right side out and press. If you used a contrasting fabric it can look like this. If you used the same fabric, you just wont have the accent color showing, it will be all the same fabric.



Now place the pocket piece we just made on the good side of your lining. Place it about 4 inches from the top. Pin it in place and sew the sides and across the bottom .

The next step is **IMPORTANT**. Be sure to section off your individual pockets at this time, you will be **SO Sorry** if you didnt. You will end up with one saggy long pocket and its not as functional, trust me. I back stitch a few times at the top so it wont tend to tear or pull when you put your stuff in it.

4 "
from
the
top



Now fold it in half like you did the outside of the purse and sew the side seams. Cut the same 2" corners and sew them the same way you did for the purse too.



Turn the lining **RIGHT SIDE** out now. It should look like this. We are on a roll now!

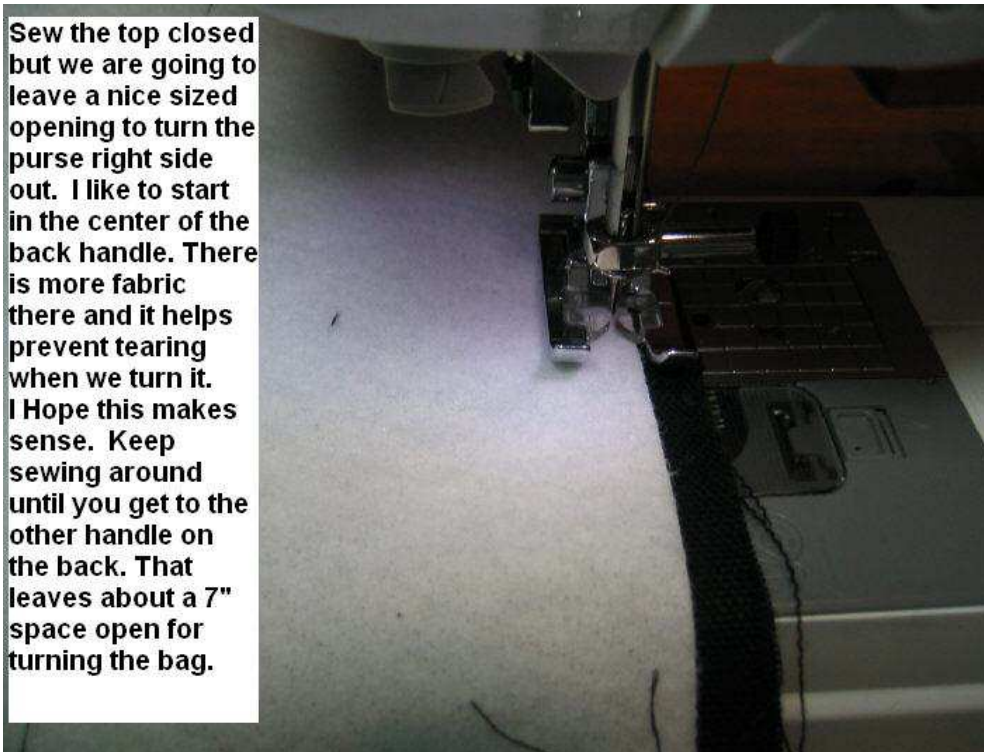


Now we are going to stuff the lining in to the inside out purse. **RIGHT** Sides are together. I put the inside pockets to the back side of the purse, opposite the front.





Pin it well all around the top , making sure to match the side seams together. PIN PIN PIN.



Sew the top closed but we are going to leave a nice sized opening to turn the purse right side out. I like to start in the center of the back handle. There is more fabric there and it helps prevent tearing when we turn it. I Hope this makes sense. Keep sewing around until you get to the other handle on the back. That leaves about a 7" space open for turning the bag.

OK now we need to turn it. Its alot of fabric thickness to get thru that space but it can be done. Go slow, and try not to stress the opening stitches. Take your time and pull it all thru.



Stuff the lining inside the bag now and pin the opening closed. Make sure your flap with the button is out, and not trapped between inside. PIN well and top stitch around the whole bag.



Press with a hot iron if needed.

