



Coil Couture

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Machine Settings

- Zigzag stitch – SW - 5.5mm and SL - 3mm
- Sewing Speed - Set sewing speed to medium to prevent needle breakage

These cloth clothesline rope purses are wonderful gifts for women of any age. Surprise your friend, a favorite teenager or a new mom with a gift made just for her. Choose her favorite colors; add decorative handles and funky beads and buttons. She'll love her one-of-a-kind designer bag and who wouldn't be thrilled with another purse?



For complete instructions on how to create your one-of-a-kind bag, refer to *It's A Wrap*, a book by Susan Breier. What makes the sewing of these purses effortless is using Double Cord Foot #59/59C. It holds two cords at once, making it simple to keep them side-by-side for easy stitching!

Directions

Attach Double Cord Foot #59/59C to the machine and thread machine with desired thread. Adjust the machine settings as indicated.

Wrap the fabric strips around the clothesline, securing ends with glue stick. More clothesline can be wrapped during the stitching process if needed.



Following the directions in the book, *It's a Wrap*, start the purse, positioning the wrapped cord in the grooves of the Double Cord Foot.

Sew as directed, making sure the zigzag stitch catches both the right and the left cord as you stitch.

Finish the purse and add handles, tags, and closures as desired, consulting the book for particular directions.

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Supplies

- *It's a Wrap - Sewing Fabric Purses, Baskets, and Bowls* by Susan Breier from That Patchwork Place
- 1½ yards of fabric- I used a hand-dyed cotton piece for a multi-colored look. Batiks are also perfect since they are tightly woven and tend to fray less than the traditional quilting cottons. Cut strips ¾" wide across the width of the fabric.
- Cotton clothesline rope - 3/16" or 7/32" in diameter (from your local hardware store)
- Isacord thread to blend with fabric. Experiment with a couple of different colors to find what works best. Variegated threads tend to muddy the true color of solid colored fabrics but will blend prints.
- Double Cord Foot #59/59C- this is the perfect presser foot to keep your cord in place.
- Razzle Dazzle thread to make a tassel. Choose some fun beads to complement your bag.
- Choose from a variety of purchased purse handles from your local dealer.
- Needle: 90 sharp or topstitch needle.
- Glue Stick