

Ribbon Clutch

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MATERIALS

- About 4 yards of various trims cut into 11" wide lengths (ribbons, fancy fabric trims or tapes, anything that can be sewn down flat)
- 11½" x 18" piece of muslin or base material
- 11½" x 18" piece of lining material
- 11½" x 18" piece fusible mid-weight interfacing

TOOLS

- Fabric marking pen, pencil or chalk (whatever works best for you)
- Yardstick or ruler at least 24" long
- Scissors or rotary cutter and mat
- Closure for clutch (your choice)

STEPS

Cutting

1. Cut muslin fabric to 10½" x 17". To make a curved flap to your bag, measure 4½" down on each long side. Additionally, mark the center of the short side of material. Draw a curved line connecting these points, trimming off excess fabric to make flap.



2. Repeat step 1 with material for lining and interfacing.



Sewing

All seam allowances are ¼" unless otherwise noted.

3. Fuse the interfacing to the back side of the base pattern piece following manufacturer's instructions.



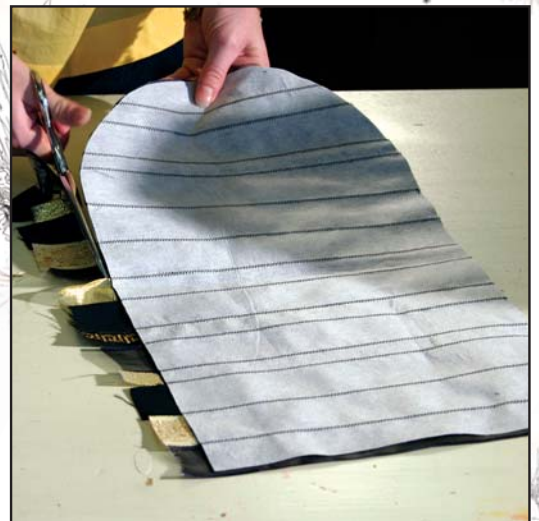
4. Place two pieces of ribbon\trim on the muslin fabric so that their edges are touching, but not overlapping.



5. Using a small zigzag stitch (stitch length of one and a width of 2.5), sew the two pieces of trim to the muslin so that the stitch catches both edges. Repeat this process until all areas of the muslin are covered.



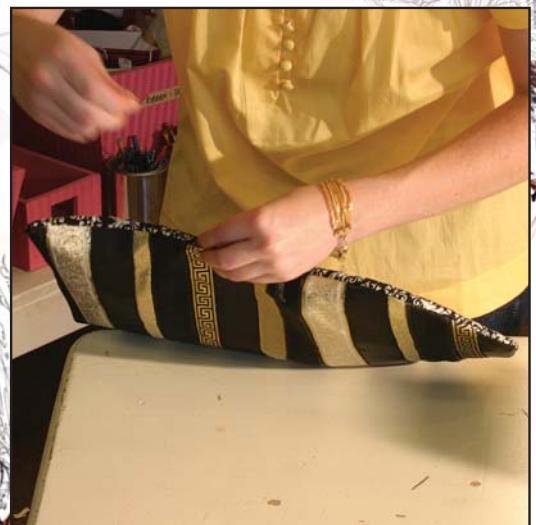
6. Trim the edges of the ribbon even with the base muslin.



7. With right sides together, place lining on purse front matching raw edges, corners and flap curve. Sew using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, leaving a 3–4" opening on a straight edge for tuning.



8. Clip corners and curve's if necessary, being sure not to cut into stitching. Turn right-side-out and slipstitch opening closed.



9. Measure up $6\frac{1}{4}$ " from the bottom of the bag. With lining facing together, fold bottom of bag up to this line, making sure that side edges are even. Pin in place and press.



10. Using a very small zigzag stitch (approximately 0.6 mm in length and 2 mm width), stitch close to the side of the bag so that the needle sews the two sides together and falls just to the right of the bag, creating a satin edge. Be sure to backstitch at the top and bottom of the bag so that the clutch does not come apart when in use.



11. Close the clutch and mark each side for adding the closure. We chose to use a snap, but other choices include hook-and-loop tape or sewing a button hole.



12. If using a decorative button, sew to the outside of purse flap.





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