

passport/travel purse

WHAT YOU NEED:

3 different fat quarters
1/4 yard fusible fleece
13" x 6" piece of fusible interfacing
covered button form
ponytail elastic

WHAT YOU DO:

All seam allowances are 1/4" unless instructed differently.

1. From outer fabric, cut 2 pieces measuring 6 1/2" wide by 8" long. Cut 2 pieces of fusible fleece the same size. Cut 2 outer pocket pieces 6 1/2" wide by 6" long. Cut 2 pieces of fusible interfacing the same size.
 2. From lining fabric, cut 2 pieces measuring 6 1/2" wide by 8" long. From contrast fabric, cut inner pocket 6 1/2" wide by 6" long.
 3. From flap fabric, cut 2 pieces 6 1/2" wide by 4 1/2" long. Cut 2 pieces of fusible fleece the same size.
 4. Cut strap 2" wide by 52" long (or desired length). You will have to piece two strips together to get a strip long enough to measure from.
 5. Fuse all interfacing and fleece to corresponding fabric.
 6. Outer Pocket - With right sides together, stitch top of outer pocket. Turn and press. Topstitch 1/4" away from seam. Align bottom edge of pocket with bottom of bag front and pin. Place right side of bag back facing the right side of bag front; stitch together around sides and bottom. Clip corners and turn right side out.
 7. Lining - Hem lining pocket along top edge, turning under 1/4" twice and pressing before hemming. As with outer bag, align bottom edge to bottom of lining and pin. Place right sides of lining together and stitch. Clip corners. (Do not turn this one right side out)
 8. Flap - Mark bottom center of flap and sew ponytail elastic in place for button loop. Measure your button before doing this so you make the loop the correct size. Place right sides of flap together and stitch, leaving the top open and rounding the two bottom corners as you stitch. Turn right sides out, press and topstitch.
- Center flap on back of bag, aligning raw edges. Pin and stitch in place.



9. Strap - Press in half lengthwise. Turn raw edges in to center and press again. Topstitch close to both long edges. Pin strap in place, centering on side seams. Stitch in place to secure, using 1/4" seam allowance.

10. Sewing outer bag to lining - Place outer bag inside lining and pin together, matching side seams. Starting and ending on front of bag and leaving an opening for turning, stitch around top, using a 3/8" seam allowance.

Turn bag through opening, placing lining inside of outer bag and press. Top stitch close to edge to finish bag and to close the opening you turned the bag through.

11. Covered button- Using a purchased button form, follow directions on package to make a covered button, using a favorite scrap of your fabric. Mark button placement on outer bag and sew button securely in place.

*Now enjoy your totally custom travel pouch that you can customize by using different fabrics and embellishments. The outer pocket under the flap is handy for a cell phone or travel documents and the button keeps it all secure! I also think it would make a terrific shopping purse, a cute Nintendo DS pouch, or a nifty little camera bag (for smaller cameras).

Happy Travels!

