

"Sweater Purse"



Don't retire your favorite sweater when it gets a snag– turn it into a roomy purse so you can wear it every day! Show off your D-I-Y attitude and look like a pro by creating a purse with a large cable knit sweater.

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Sewing Machine
Sweater with large knitted cables
1/2 yard cotton fabric for lining
1 pair oval or round purse handles
All-purpose thread
1 yard brown ribbon
Fabric marking pencil or chalk
Hand sewing needle
Scissors
Pins
Large safety pin



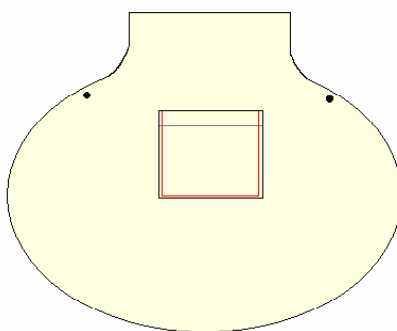
Instructions:

1. Print and cut out the suggested purse shape pattern piece (below).
2. Measure the inside of your purse handles. You may need to adjust the given pattern shape to fit your chosen purse handles.

3. Pin the pattern piece to the sweater, centering the large cable on the sweater with the center of the pattern.
4. Cut the pattern out of both layers of the sweater for the front and back of the purse body.
5. Pin the same pattern piece to the cotton fabric and cut two out for the purse lining.
6. Mark the alignment dots onto the lining fabric using marking chalk or a fabric marking pencil.

Optional Inside Pocket:

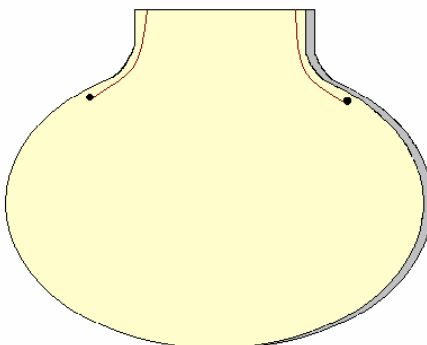
7. Cut one pocket piece from the excess cotton lining fabric.
8. Fold the top edge of the pocket over 1/4".
9. Then fold the same edge over 1".
10. Straight stitch along the folded edge of the pocket.
11. Fold and press the remaining three sides of the pocket under 1/4".
12. Position the pocket on one of the lining pieces below the large marking dots.



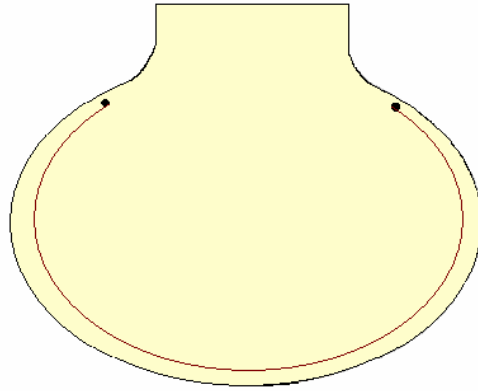
13. Pin in place and stitch along the sides and across the bottom to secure it in place.

Purse Assembly:

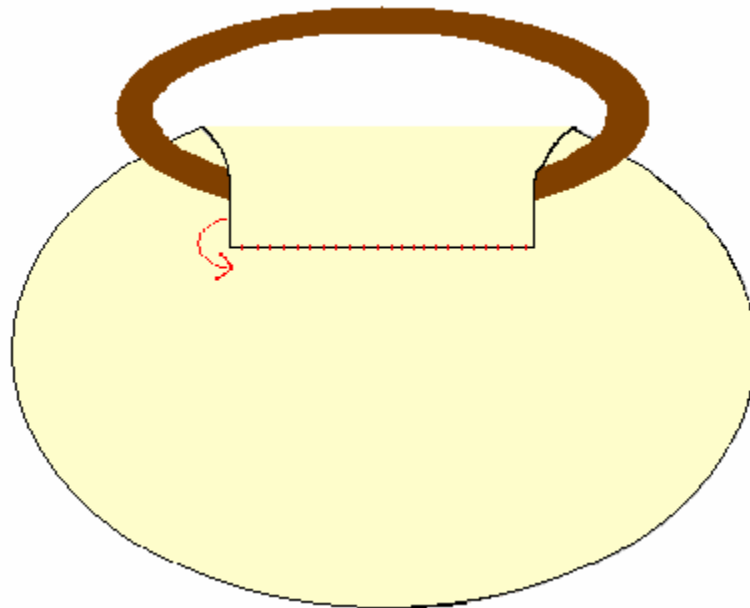
14. Place one sweater purse piece and one lining piece with right sides facing together.
15. Stitch each side from the top to the large dot.



16. Repeat this for the other sweater piece and lining piece.
17. Turn the pieces right side out.
18. Place the two pieces together with the sweater sides touching.
19. Stitch through all layers from the large dot to the other large dot.



20. Fold one side over the purse handle and pin in place.
21. Using a hand needle threaded with the matching all-purpose thread, hand stitch the top edge to the lining.



22. Repeat for the other side.
23. Turn the purse bag right side out.
24. Attach a large safety pin to the end of the ribbon.
25. Weave the ribbon in and out of the outer layer of the purse (sweater fabric) and tie into a bow.
26. Remove the safety pin and trim the ribbon ends at an angle to keep them from raveling.

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