

# Pleated Purse with Belt Accent

## What You Will Learn

Pleats to create volume  
Sewing a lining for a professional touch  
Adding pockets  
Creating a C Fold Strap  
Topstitching  
Creating Belt loops  
Ironing on Interfacing

## Size Options

Large Purse (Opening: 15", Bottom: 18" Length: 14", Strap: 21.5")  
Small Purse (Opening: 11", Bottom: 15" Length: 9", Strap: 21.5")



## Supplies

### Large Purse

Basic Sewing Supplies  
1 yard Medium to heavy weight fabric for exterior (denim, poplin, twill or broadcloth)  
1 yard Medium weight cotton for lining  
1/4 yard Deco bond Interfacing  
4 1 1/2" Metal rings  
#14 Sewing needle  
Thread to match background of exterior fabric  
Magnetic snap closure  
1/8 yard fabric for the scarf  
1/2" Twill tape/gross grain (this is an option for the belt loops)

### Small Purse

5/8 yard Medium to heavy weight fabric for exterior (denim, poplin, twill or broadcloth)  
5/8 yard Medium weight cotton for lining  
1/4 yard Deco bond  
4 1 1/2" Metal rings  
#14 Sewing needle  
Thread to match background of exterior fabric  
Magnetic snap closure  
1/8 yard fabric for the Scarf  
1/2" Twill tape/gross grain (this is an option for the belt loops)

## Instructions

1. Print pattern PDF. Lay papers out matching the same colored shapes, until you see 6 full shapes. Tape everything together by cutting one matching side along edge of the shape and placing on top of coordinating page matching lines. Continue until you have one large paper, then cut each piece out along colored line.

2. Cut the body, facing and pocket.

Lay out fabrics right sides together matching the selvage edges. Place pieces on fabric so that the arrow (grain line) on the pattern is parallel with the selvage edge. Pin pattern to fabric at corners and cut around edge paper. Snip 1/8" or less into fabric at black notches. Transfer marks for the pocket at black circles.

3. Cut the shoulder strap, side strap and belt loops.

Since there is only one of each of these pieces needed, lay main fabric with a single thickness, wrong side up. Place pieces so the arrow is parallel with the selvage edge. Pin pattern to the fabric and cut around edge of paper. Snip 1/8" or less into fabric at black notches.

4. Cut interfacing.

Cut 1 shoulder strap and 4 facing pieces out of interfacing.

5. Iron interfacing onto wrong side of all 4 facing pieces and shoulder pieces.

Follow manufacturer's directions for ironing on interfacing.

6. Sew pocket onto right side of lining.

Fold pocket piece right sides together matching short sides, pin corners. Sew 3 sides (not the fold) leaving an opening at the bottom in between notches. Clip corners and turn right side out. Press.

Place folded edge of pocket with corners at indicated marks on the right side of each lining piece.

Sew around the 3 sides close to the edge, pivoting at corners.

7. Sew Bottom seam.

With right sides together, sew the bottom seam of the lining,  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, leaving a 5" opening in the center. Press seam open.

8. Baste the pleats.

On the right side of the lining at notched top edge create pleat by referring to the letters on pattern piece, fold at notch A, then bring the fold to meet notch B, pin. Then fold notch C and bring to meet notch B, pin. Baste across top of pleats, using  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance to secure pleats.

9. Repeat steps 3 and 4 for self fabric, do not leave opening in bottom seam in step 3.

10. Create belt loops, Shoulder strap and side strap.

Press each piece in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Open the piece back up to wrong side and bring both long raw edges to meet at the fold line (the center) and press. Press the center fold line again. Sew down the side where the two folds meet at  $\frac{1}{4}$ ", then sew down the other side at  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Repeat this process on shoulder strap, belt loops and side strap. (Note: If you are using twill tape for the belt loop cut into 4 pieces based on belt loop pattern piece.)

11. Cut belt loops into 4 even pieces. Baste one belt loop over each pleat on the right side of the main body with the raw edges matching.

12. Sew facings to bag sides

With right sides together, place the facing to the top edge of the bag body matching notches on facing with pleats. Belt loops should be sandwiched in between the layers. Sew with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Press seam allowance toward the facing. Topstitch on the facing close to the seam. Repeat for other side of self and lining.

13. Baste belt loops to top edge of main body facing at notches with raw edges matching.

14. Attach magnetic snap closure.

Locate mark in the center of each lining facing. Attach snap following manufacturer's directions.

15. Sew the side seams.

Place right side of the body self together, matching seams and notches, sew with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Press seam open. Repeat for lining.

16. Sew the gussets.

Fold the open bottom corners of the main body so the side seam meets the bottom seam. Sew across each corner with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Repeat on lining. Press.

17. Attach rings and side straps.

Turn body self right side out. Cut already prepared side strap into 2 4" inch pieces. Fold each piece in half into a loop with a ring in each. Pin each loop to the top of a side seam with the raw edges matching. Baste.

18. Assemble the body.

With the lining wrong side out, and the body right side out, place the body inside the lining, matching the side seams and notches. Sew around bag opening with raw edges matching with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.

Flip bag to right side through hole in lining. Push lining inside of main body and press top opening. Topstitch around purse opening.

Pull lining back out. Close hole in lining by sewing close to the edge of opening on the right side, with raw edges tucked to the inside.

19. Attach Shoulder strap.

Finish both raw edges of shoulder strap by either serging or zig zag stitching off the edge. Push  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " inches of the shoulder strap through each ring. Make sure the strap is not twisted. Sew close to the finished edge of each side.