

sew with Jo-Ann



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SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 1/2 yd distressed micro suede • 1/2 yd upholstery fabric for underlining • 1/2 yd cotton lining
- 12" x 5" contrast fabric • Purse handle • 1 pkg large snap grommets • 2 3/8" novelty button
- Fabric glue • Iron, pressing surface • Sewing machine • Basic sewing supplies

DIRECTIONS: 1/2" seam allowance unless otherwise noted. RS = Right side(s). WS = Wrong side(s).

CUTTING: Micro suede: Two 17" squares for front & back; one 6" x 3" piece; six 18" x 3/8" strips

Upholstery fabric: Two 17" squares for front & back; one 6" x 3" piece

Cotton lining: Two 17" squares for front & back

ASSEMBLY:

1. Baste underlining to 17" squares & 6" x 3" micro suede pieces.
2. Find the center of one of the edges of the 17" square front & back pieces; mark the center of the top. Measure out 2 3/8" from center on both sides. Make a small mark. Fold fabric to pleat at center. Outside markings come toward center to meet on the front & back. Baste pleat in place along top edge. Top stitch close to fold at pleat down 2" from top raw edge. Backstitch at ends. Repeat for lining pieces.
3. On WS of front piece, measure in 3" along 1 side; mark to note center placement line for the grommets. Measure down 3 3/4" from top edge. Use template from grommet kit to draw circle just below 3 3/4" mark. Center circle over line previously drawn along side. Measure 1 1/4" down from bottom of circle & draw another circle. Add 1 or 2 more circles, spaced 1 1/4" apart. Cut the circles out. Apply the grommets to the front panel, following manufacturer's instruction.
4. Cut 4 small squares of contrast fabric; glue to cover back of grommet. RS of fabric will show through front of grommet.
5. RS together, sew the front & back pieces together at sides and bottom. Make small dart at bottom corners. Pinch lower corner so side seam meets bottom seam. Stitch across seam 2" away from point. Repeat for other side. Repeat for lining, but leave 5" opening at bottom edge for turning. Fold 6" x 3" piece in half lengthwise, RS together. Stitch along long raw edge. Trim seam. Turn strip RS out & press. Edge stitch along long sides. Cut strip in half to make two 3" pieces.
6. Thread the 3" strip through the metal ring of the handle. Fold in half so raw edges meet. Pin to bag. Center over side seam with raw edges even. Baste in place. Repeat for opposite side.
7. Place three 18" x 3/8" strips on top of the other. Baste to RS of back at top center edge with raw edges even.
8. Braid the strips together for 15". Hold braid in place; wrap a small scrap of micro suede around the end & glue. Cut fringe in half lengthwise up to braid to create more fringe. Trim length. Repeat for 2nd braid & fringe.
9. RS together, raw edges even, pin lining to micro suede along top edge; stitch. Do not catch braided ties & handle. Turn RS out through lining opening. Pull out braids & handle. Press top edge. Edge stitch opening closed.
10. Sew button to center front 2 1/4" down from finished edge. Wrap braided ties around button to close.

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Skill Level 2: Some experience necessary

Approximate Crafting Time: 3-5 hrs

Please read and follow all manufacturers' instructions for all tools and materials used.
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