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#### Cutting Instructions:

- (4) - 4 ½"x 20" strip - Main fabric
- (4) - 4 ½"x 20" strip - Interfacing (iron-on)
- (4) - 4 ½"x 10" strip - Wadding or Pellon (iron-on)

#### Construction:

1. Iron the interfacing onto the wrong side of the fabric strips matching the sides and length.
2. Fold strip in half lengthwise to create a 4 ½"x 10" strip and press across fold.
3. Line wadding / pellon up to fold line press to half the wrong side of the fabric strips. (Note: this will end up the outer panels of bag)
4. Mark the centre of the length of the strips for reference.
5. Mark 1 ½" down from the short centre line on all strips on the wadding side only.
6. Attach the magnifier to the machine along with the (F) foot or border guide foot. | Figure A
7. On the end that has the wadding sew decorative stitches to the desired effect. Make sure to stop at the 1 ½" marking on the short sides. (Note: Sample fabric had lines that went across so we followed the design on the fabric through the magnifier) | Figure B
8. Once stitching is complete mark 2" up both sides of all panels and draw a 45 degree angle from centerline out to the markings on the sides.
9. Repeat this process to both ends of each panel.

#### Requirements

- 1 fat Quarter of stripe fabric
- Wadding or fusible pellaon
- Fine ribbon or cord
- Matching sewing thread for construction
- Embroidery thread to use for decorative stitches
- Empty bobbins and bobbin fill bobbins
- Quilting clips / Pins
- Fabric Marker
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Optic Magnifier
- Standard Sewing Foot
- Satin Stitch Foot (F) or border guide foot
- 1/4" foot (O)
- Bodkin
- Tape measure
- Iron and Ironing Board
- Tweezers

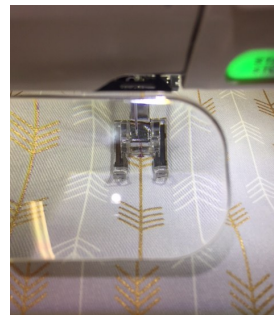


Figure A

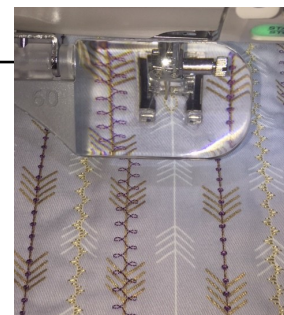


Figure B

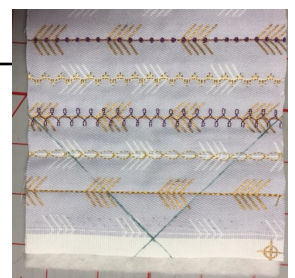


Figure C



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10. On one of the panels only draw a line marking 1cm either side of the centre line to position the eyelets.
11. Select the eyelet stitch on the machine and position the foot over the marking to sew the eyelets into position. | Figure D
12. Open the eyelets before you continue so that you don't cut the lining at the end.
13. Cut off the marked 45 degree angles to create points either end of each panel. | Figure E
14. Matching wadding end pieces position the four panels so that the angled sides are matching. | Figure F
15. Attach  $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot to machine and select piecing stitch.
16. Select two of the panels that are side by side and sew one edge of the 45 degree angle using  $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot. Press. | Figure G
17. Repeat the same for the remaining two pieces and press.
18. Lay the two halves back together and sew together along the large diagonal line so all 4 pieces are joined. | Figure H
19. Repeat the process to the opposite end so that the centre seams are open but both ends are complete.
20. Starting at the wadding end sew three of the side panels together along the straight long edge.
21. On the last panel you will need to leave an opening about 3" on the interfacing end but before the angles edge.
22. Slip stitch the opening closed. | Figure I
23. Attach the standard sewing foot and topstitch around the top of the bag, leaving room for the ribbon / cording.
24. Thread the ribbon / cord through the eyelet opening and tie a bow to draw in the bag closure.
25. Your pouch is now complete.

NOTE: Bag can be shorter or wider by lengthening or widening the strip. Also can place buttonholes on opposite panels and use internal flex frame purse clamps to make it into a sun-glass case.



Figure D

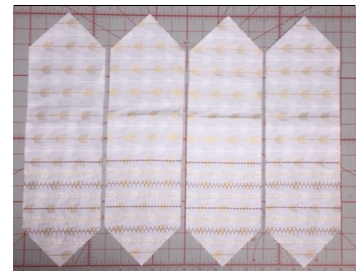


Figure E



Figure F



Figure G



Figure H



Figure I