

“Wedding Party Purse”

A wedding day can be very hectic and you don't want to be caught without your essentials. Make one of these simple bags for yourself and your bridesmaids as well. They will love it!!

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Sewing Machine
¼ yard satin or taffeta fabric
¼ yard broadcloth (match taffeta color)
½ yard light weight fusible interfacing
2-1 ½” white pearl buttons (vintage buttons from grandma's stash would be great!)
All-purpose thread
Rotary cutter
Ruler
Cutting Mat
Scissors
Hand sewing needle
Iron
Downloaded pattern piece



Instructions:

1. From the taffeta, cut one 6 ½” x 15” rectangle and two handles using the downloaded pattern. Cut one 6 ½” x 15” rectangle from the broadcloth. Cut one 6 ½” x 15” rectangle and one handle from the fusible interfacing.
2. Press the fusible interfacing to what will be the wrong side of the taffeta
3. Set the machine up for regular straight stitch sewing using a ¼” seam.
4. Fold the taffeta in half, right sides together, matching the raw edges and stitch along each side.



5. Repeat this step using the broadcloth piece.
6. Create the bottom gusset by folding the side seam in to flatten the bottom of the bag. Measure up 1" from the point and draw a guideline.



7. Stitch along the guidelines. Repeat this for the three remaining corners.
8. Press the seams and turn down the top raw edge $\frac{1}{2}$ " and press.



9. Turn the taffeta or outer bag right side out. Slip the broadcloth bag or lining inside the outer bag. Matching the top edges, stitch close to the edge attaching the outer bag with the lining.



10. Press the fusible interfacing to one of the handle pieces.
11. With right sides together, matching the raw edges and stitch around the edge joining the two handle pieces. Leave a small opening on the side for turning.
12. Clip the corners to remove the bulk, turn right side out and press.
13. Using the hand sewing needle, slip stitch the opening closed.
14. Determine your handle placement and pin in place. Attach the handle by sewing two buttons, one on each side, through the handle and the bag.

Now you have something else new and if you used vintage buttons you have something old as well.

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