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Country Purse Instructions

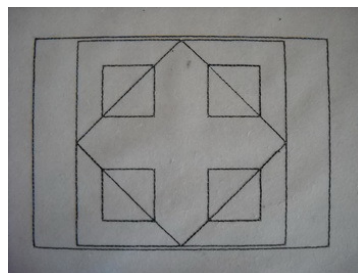
Each piece in this design is made using the basic applique method. Please read the instructions before starting. Color stops have been put into the designs. Use a single color for die lines and edgings and a different color for the decorative stitches. Use colors of your choice. I used black for the outlines and edgings and a deep red for the stipple and decorative stitches. Be sure to use a matching color for the bobbin thread, especially when stitching the edgings.

This keeps the design looking tidy.

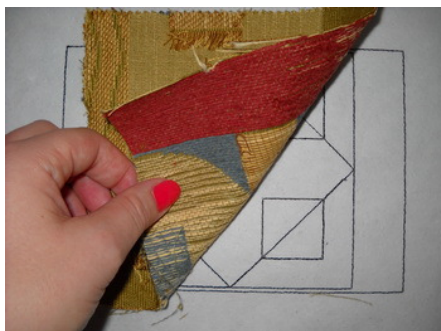
For the Front and Back of the purse.

Stitch 4 pieces (Design 1)

Hoop 1 layer of tear away stabilizer. Stitch the first color. This is the dye line.



Cut a piece of tapestry weave fabric about 15 cm x 15 cm and place it over the center of the design. Cut a piece of black fabric 15 cm x 20 cm and place it over the entire design. Use masking tape to hold the fabric in place. Stitch the next color.



Materials

Cutaway stabilizer

Black Fabric

Tapestry Weave Fabric

30 cm zip

1m Decorative Braiding for handles

Embroidery Thread

Tan Cotton Fabric for Lining

Masking Tape to hold fabric in place

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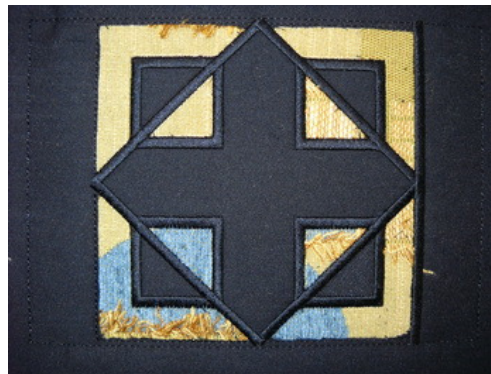
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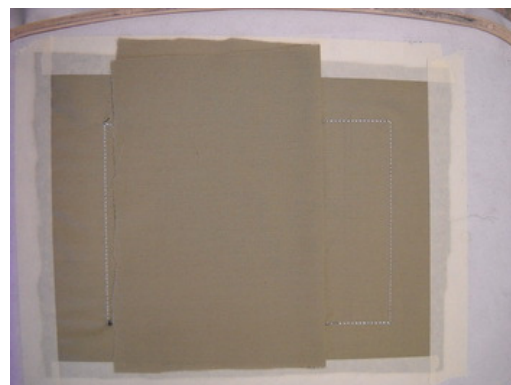
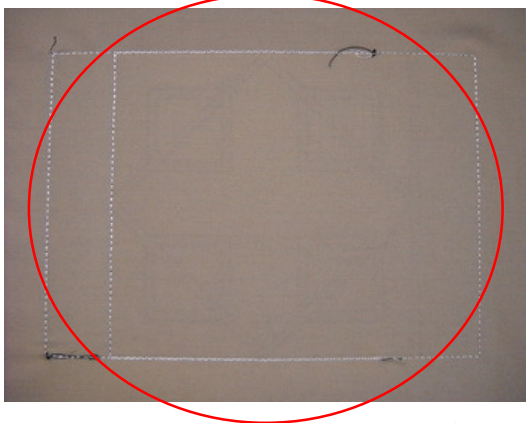
Cut out the black fabric as shown in the photo. Be careful not to cut the tapestry weave fabric under the black fabric.



Stitch the next color. This will neaten off the raw edges of the cut design.



Remove the hoop from the machine. Cut a piece of tan cotton fabric 15 cm x 20 cm and place it on the underside of the hoop, covering the design. Use masking tape to hold the fabric in place. Stitch the next color. This holds the lining in place. Now stitch the next color. This is the dye line for the placement of the pocket. Cut another piece of tan cotton fabric 28 cm x 15 cm. Fold the fabric in half so it measures 14 cm x 15 cm. Press the fold with a steam iron. Remove the hoop from the machine and turn it over so that the underside faces up. Place the fold of the fabric across the open end of the dye line. Use masking tape to hold in place. Stitch the next color.

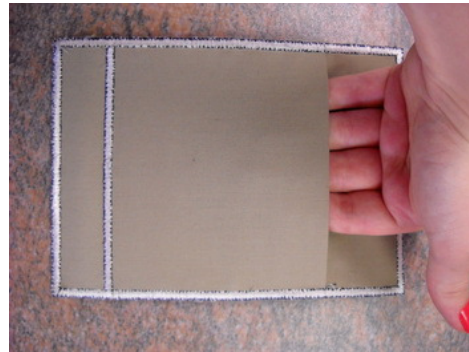


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Remove the hoop from the machine and trim away excess fabric from both sides of the hoop.



Stitch the last color. Cut the design out of the stabilizer.



Now to stitch out the ends of the bag.
Stitch 2 of these (Design 2)

Hoop a single layer of cutaway stabilizer. Stitch the first color. This is the dyeline. Cut a piece of black fabric 15 cm x 20 cm and place it over the dyeline. Stitch the next two colors.



Remove the hoop from the machine. Turn the hoop over so the underside faces up. Cut a piece of tan cotton fabric 15 cm x 20 cm and place it on the stitched area on the underside of the hoop. Use masking tape to hold the lining fabric in place. Stitch the next color. Remove the hoop from the machine and trim away excess fabric from both sides of the hoop

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Stitch the last color. Cut the design out of the stabilizer.

Now to stitch out the base of the bag.
Stitch out 2 of these (Design 3)

Hoop a single layer of cutaway stabilizer. Stitch the first color. This is the dyeline. Cut a piece of black fabric 15 cm x 15 cm and place it over the dyeline. Stitch the next color. Remove the hoop from the machine. Cut a piece of tan cotton fabric 15 cm x 15 cm and place it on the underside of the hoop covering the design. Use masking tape to hold the fabric in place. Stitch the next color. Remove the hoop from the machine and trim away excess fabric from both sides of the hoop. Stitch the last color. Cut the design out of the stabilizer.

Now with all the pieces stitched out, we can start assembling the purse. To start off with, use the same color bobbin thread as for the upper thread. Use a 4.5 mm zig-zag stitch on your sewing machine to assemble the pieces.

Stitch two front panels together (Design 1) - lying the pieces next to each other when stitching them. Make sure the pocket opening are facing the same direction.



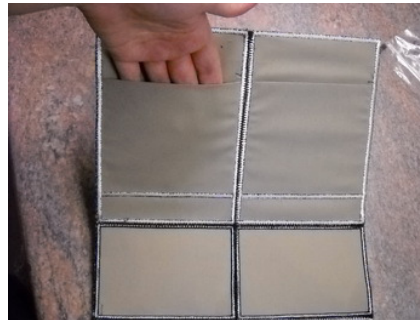
Do the same with the other two pieces. This makes the front and back of the purse.

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Stitch the two base pieces (Design 3) together in the same way—stitch the narrow ends together.



Stitch the front and back of the purse to the base. When placing the pieces before sewing them together, make sure the pocket openings face away from the base.



Now stitch the ends (Design 2) in place but only along the flat base.



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To complete stitching the ends into the purse, place the edges of the end piece on top that of the side of the front of the purse and stitch them together. Now stitch the back edge to the end in the same manner.



Stitch the other end into the purse.

We are just about done. Pin the zip into place and using a zipper foot, stitch the zip into the purse. I found that I couldn't get to the very end using my machine. Stitch this little section neatly by hand.



Cut the 1 meter into 2. Stitch the braiding / handles into place. Don't stitch onto the applique design as it will stitch the pocket closed. Stitch the handles onto the area just beneath the zip but above the applique design.

