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Lining Instructions

It's easy to line your felted purse with fabric. Adding a lining to your purse makes it that much nicer to look at and use. Follow these instructions to line your purse. You can hand stitch (see hand stitch instructions) or use a sewing machine.

NOTE: If you are attaching silk flowers to your purse, do this step first before installing your fabric lining.

Materials:

- Scissors
- Ruler, tape measure
- Pen, pencil and paper
- Lining fabric
- Sewing needle and thread (matching color or transparent) and pins

Step 1 Lay your purse flat on a table and measure the width and height. Write these numbers down. **NOTE:** Since the width may vary on your purse. It's important to measure the width in 3 places: top, middle, and bottom. For example, your dimensions could be something like:

6 ¾" – 7" width x 8" height

The key here is that you want your lining to fit snug at the top of your purse because this is where you will be stitching it to your purse.



Step 2 Next, add 1 inch to the largest width value (e.g., 7"). This will allow for ½" seams on each side. Now the height value needs to be multiplied by 2, since there are 2 sides. In our example, the height is now 16" (2 x 8"). We also need to add 1 inch to this number to allow for seams. So using the numbers above, your lining dimensions are:

8" width x 17" height (2 * 8" + 1" for seams)

Now we have the dimensions for the lining material.

Step 3 Cut this amount of material for your lining.



Step 4 Iron $\frac{1}{2}$ " at the top and bottom of your material. Make sure the wrong side of the fabric is pressed together. To make sure everything is alright, place your lining in your purse. Does it fit correctly? If you have too much fabric at the bottom of your purse you can fix this by increasing your $\frac{1}{2}$ " seams until you get a comfortable fit.

Step 5 When you have the fit you want, stitch the top and bottom seams. If you are hand stitching, then use the slipstitch to sew the top and bottom seams. See hand stitching instructions for details. If you are using a sewing machine, simply stitch across the seam.



Step 6 Now we are ready to stitch the side seams. The tricky part here is to make sure you have a good fit at the top of the purse. So to begin, sew one of the side seams together, $\frac{1}{2}$ " in from the edge. Make sure the right sides of the fabric are together. If you are hand stitching, use the back stitch since this is a strong stitch.

Step 7 When finished, place the lining in your purse. Eyeball how much seam allowance you will need to sew on the



other end of the lining. It may be 1/2" or more or less. The key thing is that the top of the lining needs to have a pretty good fit since this is where it is stitched to the purse. Now stitch the other seam

step 8 Place the lining in the purse and pin in place. Start by pinning the lining at one of the side seams. Pin this seam into the end of the purse. Pin the opposite seam into the other end of the purse. Now begin pinning around the remaining edges. If you end up with too much fabric you will need to take one of the seams in a bit more. Rather do this than have not enough lining and then to have to take out a seam and re-sew!!



step 9 Once the lining fits good enough, you are ready to hand stitch the lining in place using the reverse slipstitch. See hand stitching instructions for details. NOTE: If you want to attach silk flowers or a magnet snap, do these steps before you continue! When stitching, make sure your stitches are not showing on the outside of the purse. To do this, aim your needle to go halfway through the thickness of the felted purse.

