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## Attaching Magnetic Snaps

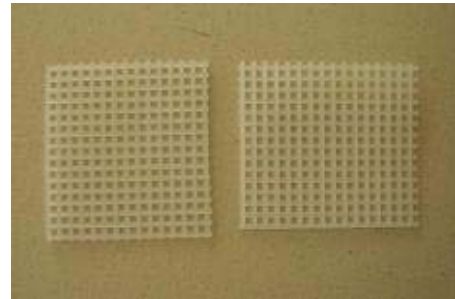
The magnetic snap is attached to the lining of your felted purse. A magnetic snap is an easy way to provide a closure to your purse. They are strong and add a nice touch to finish off your purse. You can purchase snaps from our web site or from your local fabric and sewing notions store.

### Materials:

- Magnetic snap (we use  $\frac{3}{4}$ " snaps in our purses)
- Sewing needle and thread (use matching color thread or transparent thread)
- Plastic canvas (You can find this at crafts stores such as, Michael's, A.C. Moore)
- Scissors
- Lining

If you have never installed a snap, you can follow these easy instructions. We use a little bit of plastic canvas as backing to provide some additional stability. We will show you how to attach the snap and stitch the plastic canvas into place by hand sewing. Install the magnetic snap BEFORE you sew in your lining.

- Step 1** Cut two squares of plastic canvas slightly bigger than the magnetic snap. If you are using a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " snap, I would cut a 2" square.



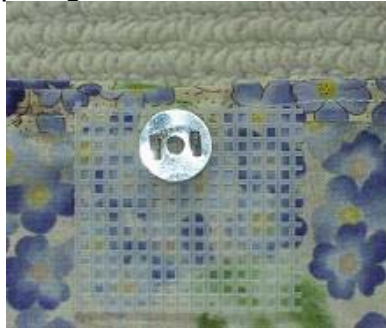
- Step 2** Find the midpoint on your purse lining and then take one half of the magnetic snap and push the metal prongs through the lining. I use a felt tipped pen to mark off the midpoint location. Note that the prongs should be on the inside or wrong side of your lining!



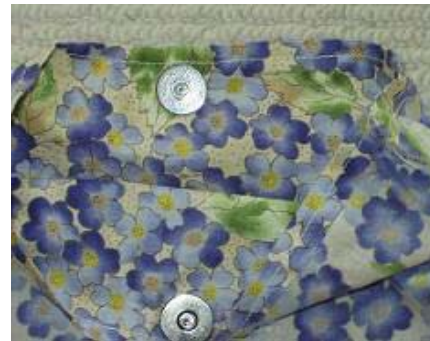
- Step 3** Next place one of the 2" plastic canvas square against the prongs and push the prongs through. This will hold the prongs in place and provides stability to the snap.



- Step 4** Now place a washer on the prongs and bend the prongs outward. You should be able to do this without the aid of tools; however, if the prongs are super stiff, you may want to use a pair of pliers to push down the prongs.



- Step 5** Repeat these steps to attach opposite end of the magnetic snap to the lining. Make sure they line up correctly.



- Step 6** Finally, to further secure the snap to the purse, you can sew the plastic canvas square to the felted purse. With a sewing needle and thread, stitch the plastic canvas with magnetic snap to the inside of the purse. To figure out where to attach the plastic canvas, I suggest pinning one end of the lining in place, matching the side seam of the lining with one end of the purse, where the purse handle is sewn on to the purse body. See picture. I typically sew the top and the 2 sides of the plastic canvas square to the purse



**Step 7** Now you are ready to stitch in your lining! If you want to attach silk flowers to your purse, do this task before you stitch in your lining. Refer to the "Attaching Silk Flowers" instructions for more information!

