

## Let's make a handbag

1. Cut your fabric and lining on the fold 12 1/4" wide by 12 1/2" high. I mostly use premade handles, but you can make you own. Cut 2 strips of fabric 2 1/2" wide by about 26" long, adjust for personal preference.
2. Monogram, if necessary
3. Sew pockets into right side of lining now, if desired
- 4.. Iron on fusible interfacing to the lining.  
I use Deco Bond from Hobby Lobby for the feel and weight of it.
- 5.Sew side seams of purse with right sides together using a 1/4" seam. Do same for lining
6. Push corners of purse out to form a triangle, press seams open...do same for ining



Now match purse corner to lining corner with seams facing out.



Measure across the width you want bottom of purse to be and mark line with invisible ink. Sew these two pieces together, and cut above stitching to remove that triangle piece.



7. Now pull the "purse" up over the lining



8. Fold the top of the purse in about 1/2" and fold lining toward the inside about 1/2" and pin together.



\*To make handles, turn and press down 1/4" on both sides.



Bring edges together so raw edges are incased.



Top stitch closed.



Insert handles where you want them, usually about 3-3 1/2" from the side seam on both sides . Now sew together.

Reinforce your stitches where the handles are for extra support and add whatever trim you desire



Be creative and have fun!!!!