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## Sew Powerful Cross Body Purse

### A Baby Lock Interpretation



#### Supplies:

- Baby Lock Machine
- Basic Sewing Supplies
- Pinking Shears or Wavy Cutting Blade
- Madeira Thread
- Woven Fabric (sample features Riley Blake fabric)
  - Outer fabric: 9" x width of fabric (WOF) - there will be about 15" extra
  - Lining fabric: ½ yard
- ½ yard X 20" Baby Lock Ultra Soft Stabilizer (Item #BLC204)
- 52" strip of webbing for the strap (or see Sew Powerful's original instructions for a fabric strap)
- Optional: Sew Powerful's Original Purse Instructions for Reference

#### Instructions:

##### Cutting:

1. Once cut out, many of the pieces look similar, so label them by pinning a small note to each piece.
2. The easiest way to cut out the outer fabric purse pieces is to cut a 9" strip and then sub cut for each section.
3. To do this, start by fusing the Ultra Soft Stabilizer to the back of the 9" X WOF outer fabric prior to cutting. Cut the following from the outer fabric:
  - 9" X 9 ½" Front of purse
  - 9" X 8" Back of purse
  - 9" X 2" Top of back
  - 9" X 11" Flap (see pattern template)
4. Cut the following from the lining fabric:
  - 9" X 16" Front pocket
  - 9" X 20" Inside lining
  - 9" X 7 ¼" Small pocket
  - 9" X 11" Flap lining (see pattern template)
5. Fuse Ultra Soft Stabilizer to only half of the front pocket piece.

**Assembly:**

1. Fold front pocket in half **WRONG** sides together.



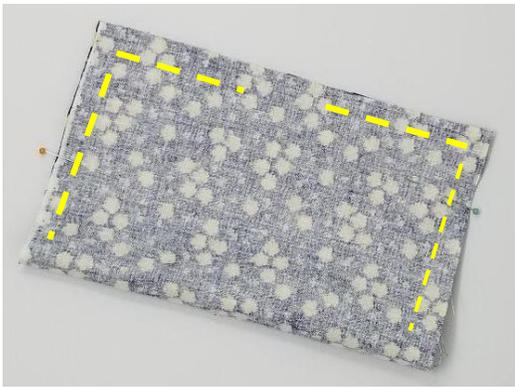
2. Topstitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the folded edge.



3. Place on top of the front panel right side of pocket facing up. Baste sides and bottom of pocket in place to purse front with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Set aside.



4. Fold the small pocket in half, **RIGHT** sides together. Stitch three sides with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, leaving a small opening to turn right side out. Turn it right side out and press.



5. Topstitch close to the folded edge.



6. Attach the small pocket to the inside lining approx. 2" from the top edge of the piece.
7. Fold the lining in half, RIGHT sides together. Stitch both side seams, leaving a 4"-5" opening on one side to turn.



8. Next is the flap. The flap is a great place to add some creativity or personalization. Add decorative stitching, embroidery designs, fill patterns from IQ Designer, quilt piecing, applique or decorate with serger stitches.

9. Place RIGHT sides together, stitch three sides with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance (leaving the top open). Clip curves with pinking shears or a wavy cutting blade to eliminate bulk.



10. Turn right side out, press and topstitch.

11. Place the flap between the two back sections, RIGHT sides together and stitch in place.



12. Topstitch to hold the seam down.



13. Place front and back together, place RIGHT sides together and stitch side seams with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.



14. Trim 1" out of each corner of both purse and lining.

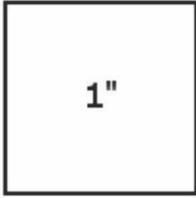


15. Open out and pinch corners to "box" the bottom of the purse. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both purse and lining, ensuring that you've stitched the corners completely closed. For added stability, you may stitch this seam twice.
16. Turn the purse right side out. Place the webbing strip for the strap on each side over the side seam (making sure it's not twisted), extending the edge of the strap at least a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " past the raw upper edge of the purse. This will give the purse more strap to hold onto so that it doesn't pull out of the purse. Stitch the strap in place, reinforcing it a couple times for extra stability.
17. For a fabric strap refer to Sew Powerful's original instructions for how to create and insert a fabric strap.
18. Slide the purse into the lining, RIGHT sides together. Stitch around the top edge with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance.
19. Turn the purse right side out through the opening in the lining. Once turned, stitch the lining opening closed.
20. Push the lining inside the purse and press the top edges well.
21. Finally, topstitch around the top edge of the purse.

*Sew Powerful has given Baby Lock special permission to slightly modify their purse instructions for this event. The original purse pattern and project instructions can be found at [www.sewpowerful.org/purse-project](http://www.sewpowerful.org/purse-project).*

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# Pattern Piece

## A

Sew Powerful Purse  
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### Flap Panel

CUT 1 Fabric

CUT 1 Lining

CUT 1 Interfacing

Height = 10 ¼"

Width = 7-1/2"

Lengthwise

**DUPLICATE FOR GROUPS & ENCOURAGE PARTICIPANTS TO WRITE A NICE NOTE TO THE RECIPIENT OF THEIR PURSE. THEN INCLUDE THE NOTE IN THE COMPLETED PURSE.**

