

# Accessorize Your Wardrobe: Make a Purse

4-H Clothing and Textiles Project

Part of the Family and Consumer Sciences 4-H Project Series

## Creating Clothing and Accessories

**Project Outcome:** Use sewing machine to sew a simple accessory.

**Project Indicator:** Use sewing skills to sew a placemat purse

Sometimes you need that perfect accessory to complete an outfit. Have you ever thought of making your own purse? There are many simple patterns and instructions available that you can find on the Internet or in a fabric store. Try these instructions that use a quilted placemat. While making this, you will learn to use a zigzag stitch and sew on Velcro.



**SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED:**

- Quilted Placemat
- Matching 1-1/2" wide grosgrain ribbon
- Matching Thread
- Velcro
- Large Button
- Hand sewing needle

**TIPPS Outcomes:**

- Identify the parts, steps, and necessary sequence or order to achieve a goal.
- Use basic reading, writing, arithmetic, and mathematical skills.
- Make the needed effort to carry out a task or a plan.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Fold placemat lengthwise with wrong sides together. Mark 1 inch sewing line on folded edge. Hint: In this example, the dark side is the wrong side and light side is the right side (outside).



2. Sew, using a regular stitch on marking. Cut on folded edge to open up seam.



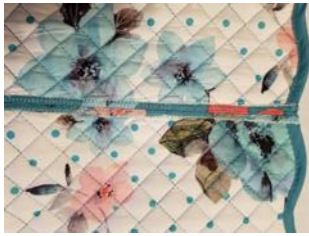
3. Press seam open.



4. Trim each side of seam allowance down to 1/4 inch.



5. Use a zigzag stitch to sew each remaining seam allowance in place (through all thicknesses).



6. Place a 1-1/2" length of Velcro (the scratchy/teeth side) close to the edge of the placemat on the wrong side of the placemat on top of the seam just zigzagged in place.



7. Stitch Velcro in place, sewing around all four edges.



8. Pin 1-1/2 inch grosgrain ribbon over the zigzagged seam (right side of placement, extending beyond both ends).



9. On the wrong side where you have sewn the Velcro, bring the ribbon to the Velcro and turn under. Pin and slip stitch the end in place.



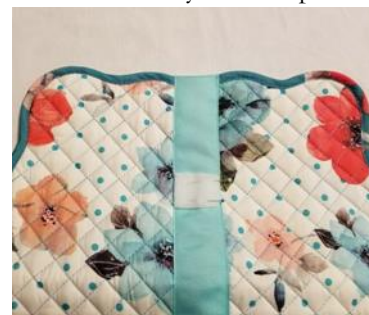
10. On the opposite end, ribbon should come 2 inches to the wrong side. Again, turn the end under so there won't be a raw edge and slip stitch in place.



11. Stitch the ribbon in place sewing along both edges of the ribbon.



12. Fold the placemat into thirds as it will look when finished and determine where the 'fuzzy' part of the Velcro will be sewn, matching it with the teeth part of the Velcro already sewn in place. Pin in place.



13. Sew the Velcro in place, being sure to unfold the placemat so it is lying flat.



14. Again fold the placemat in thirds, determining where the sides of the purse will be. Pin on both sides.



15. Sew close to the edge just inside the piping, making sure to back up at the beginning and end.



16. Hand sew a decorative button or other ornamentation on the outside as shown.



ENJOY YOUR CREATION!!!



**What you can do with what you have learned:**

- Have someone take a picture of you sewing your purse.
- Have someone take a picture of you holding your purse.
- You can use this to make a poster for an exhibit or in your portfolio.
- Help your 4-H leader teach a class in sewing making this purse.

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