

PLEATED PURSE

SUPPLIES NEEDED

copy of School of Sewing
fabrics/supplies on materials list
rotary set: mat, cutter, ruler
zipper presser foot
ditch/edge stitching foot
(optional)
quarter-inch foot (optional)
coordinating thread
iron
scissors
pins
fabric marking pen

SKILLS TAUGHT

Installing a magnetic snap,
adding a pleat, sewing an interior
zippered pocket, boxed corners,
topstitching



Class Prep

Swatches with interfacings fused can help students feel what the thickness/texture of the fabrics will be, especially since this project features two layers of woven fusible interfacing. Prepare cardstock cut to the dimensions of the zipper sewing guide (page 153).

Teaching the Class

Step 1. If students have difficulty with interfacing fusing, refer them to troubleshooting tip on page 69.

Step 6. Demo the folding and pinning of the pleats. It's far easier to grasp once seen in person.

Step 11. Encourage students to look closely at the photo to see how the ruler lines up in the lower left corner of the fabric.

Zippered Pockets 101. Remind students to pay close attention to the right side/wrong side parts of the instructions. "Pin early and pin often" is the rule of the day for these steps. Watch for puckers at corners in Step 5 and pinning through too many layers in Step 8. When they finish their pocket, give your students a giant high five for me!

Step 15. Demo using a seam roll to press seams open.

Step 17. Be sure strap is not twisted.

Step 20. Pressing is essential here for a nice finish. Topstitch slowly!

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