

RUFFLED WRISTLET KEY FOB

SUPPLIES NEEDED

copy of School of Sewing
fabrics/supplies on materials
list rotary set: mat, cutter, ruler
zipper presser foot
coordinating thread
iron
scissors
pins
safety pin

SKILLS TAUGHT

Topstitching, using gathering
stitches to form a ruffle, using
fusible interfacing, using
hardware

Class Prep

Prepare some swatches of fabrics fused with various types of interfacing (I recommend fusible featherweight, woven fusible such as SF101, and fusible fleece). This really helps students to see the impact interfacing can make. Later in the book, we'll fuse multiple interfacing types together. Prepare at least one ruffle to demo the gathering at Step 12.

Teaching the Class

Step 1. Take time to explain how to identify the fusible side of interfacing and how to work with interfacing that doesn't seem to stick. Pages 50-51 are very helpful with this!

Step 3. Be sure students press this seam as instructed. It really makes Step 5 easier!



Step 8. Be sure this strap isn't twisted when pinning right sides together.

Step 7. This can be tricky for a first timer. But once they see it, they will be hooked! Explain that larger square cutouts yield deeper boxed corners. Students can really customize future projects!

Step 9. Show students how to expose the free arms of their machines. (Life changing information for beginners!) Note tip re: topstitching.

Step 10. Show students how to max out the stitch length on their machines and remind them to leave long thread tails.

Step 11. Demo how to gently pull these threads to gather. Point out tip at bottom of page 93 re: thread breaking.

Step 13. Slow and steady wins the race! Remind them to return stitch length to regular setting.

Step 15. Be sure they reinforce these stitches for durability.

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shea@emptybobbinsewing.com or share on social media sites with the hashtag #schoolofsewing. I would love to feature you and your group! Consider submitting info about your experience at theschoolofsewing.com/sewtogether