

If the Shoe Fits... Make a Purse!

“Shades of Silver” is made using the “Convertible Clutch” pattern. Follow the instructions in the pattern, making the changes outlined below.



Shades of Silver

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The subtle sheen and random “patchwork” of this silk clutch make it perfect for dressing up or down. Pack it into your suitcase the next time you go on vacation. Pair it with metallic gladiators and you’re ready for a night out on the town!

Supplies

Note: These supplies are for making the large purse (about 12” x 6” x 2½”).

- “Convertible Clutch” pattern by VickiTricks Designs
- 18” x 20” piece of felt or wool
- ½ yard of black silk dupioni for lining and binding
- 2½” x 15” strip of gray silk dupioni
- Scraps silk dupioni for “patchwork” in silvery shades of blue, purple, gray, and ecru
- 1½ yards of ¼” black trim
- 16” x 18” rectangle of OESD Fusible Fleece
- 505 Temporary Fabric Adhesive Spray
- Light gray thread for quilting
- Black thread for construction
- Magnetic purse closure
- Decorative buckle with 1”-wide slots
- Clear Foot #34/34C/34D
- Decorative Needle Punch Set
- BERNINA Stitch Regulator #42
- Edgestitch Foot #10/10C
- Needle Punch Stitch Plate
- Chalk fabric marker
- Rotary cutting supplies

Create the “Patchwork”

- Cut scraps of silk dupioni into random shapes no larger than 3” square.
- Install the Needle Punch on your sewing machine (see instruction sheet and CD for details).
- Place one of the silk pieces on the felt; needle punch in place.
- Add a second piece of silk, overlapping the first piece; needle punch in place.
- Continue adding and needle punching silk “sprinkles” to the felt until the entire surface is covered.



- Once all pieces are in place, needle punch the entire surface again to completely felt the silk into the felt base.

- Remove the Needle Punch, foot, and stitch plate from the machine. Re-install the regular stitch plate and needle.



- Attach the BERNINA Stitch Regulator to the machine. Free-motion quilt the entire rectangle for added texture, placing lines of stitches about 1/2" apart.

Note: If your machine is not compatible with the BERNINA Stitch Regulator, use your favorite free-motion quilting foot instead.

- Fuse a rectangle of Fusible Fleece to each to the wrong side of the "patchwork" panel. Adhere the black silk dupioni lining to the back of the "patchwork" panel using 505 temporary adhesive.

Construct the Clutch

- Continue constructing the clutch following steps 3, 4, and 5.
- Cut a 2 1/2" x 15" strip of gray silk dupioni. Fold in half and seam the long edge using a 1/4"-wide seam allowance. Turn right side out and press, centering the seam in the middle of one side.

- Draw a line connecting the center of the flap to the center of the opposite edge. Center the gray strip over the drawn line, seam side down.

- Attach Edgestitch Foot #10 to the machine. Move the needle to the left or right as needed and edgestitch the gray strip to the clutch, leaving approximately 3" free at the flap end (see blue arrow in photo below).

- Thread the buckle onto the gray strip. Pin the end of the strip to the clutch to prevent it from falling off during the next steps.

- Continue constructing the clutch following step 6.

TIP: Since the edge of the binding will be covered with trim, attach it to the lining side and wrap it to the front, then stitch the edge in place.

- Attach Clear Foot #34 to the machine and select a straight stitch. Starting inside one of the marked rectangles, couch the narrow trim over the seamed edge of the binding.



- Complete the clutch construction following steps 7-14.

