TUTORIAL FOR SMALL WALLET OR COIN PURSE



(Please note that this is written in Britain. The term *purse* means a coin purse/wallet and NOT a bag.)

This tutorial is for an easy coin purse with room for credit card and paper money. I use on this when I am on holidays and I want to carry a bit of cash and a card but not my normal full purse. It has a zippered compartment and a single slot. It closes securely with Velcro fastening and comes with a clip so you can hook it into your larger bag or put it in your pocket and hook it onto your belt loop. Seam allowance is ½ inch throughout.

What you need:

- 2 pieces of cotton fabric 9 ½ inches (24.3 cms) long and 5 ¼ inches (13.5 cms) wide 2 pieces of cotton fabric 5 ¼ inches (13.5 cms) long and 3 ½ inches (9 cms) wide
- 2 pieces of iron-on interfacing (I use Vilene) to match the first fabric measurements 1 piece of iron-on interfacing to match the second fabric measurements
- 1 piece of velcro approximately 1 ½ inches (4 cms) long
- 1 piece of ribbon and 1 metal clip
- 1 zip at least 6 inches (15 cms) long



What you do:

1. Cut your fabric. Cut your Vilene. Apply to fabric with iron.



2. Put the two large pieces together right sides touching and sew down both long sides and along the bottom.



3. Clip the corners and turn out the right side



- 4. Place the two smaller pieces together right sides touching and sew down both long sides and along the bottom. Clip the corners and turn out the right side.
- 5. Put the metal clip onto the ribbon and stitch onto the larger piece about 5 inches from the bottom.



6. Lay the zipper across the bottom of the larger piece and stitch into place.



7. Match up the smaller piece and stitch the zip into place.



8. Flip the small piece onto the large piece so that the zipper is at the bottom. Stitch across the raw edges of the smaller piece about ¼ inch from the edge.



(Keep the right side of the zipper on the bottom.)

9. Trim zipper.



10 Fold about ½ inch to the inside on both sides of the raw edges of the large piece. Iron flat. Stitch close to the edge.



11. Fold the purse so that the stitching from the zipper pocket is at the bottom. Fold the top flap down (see photo). Mark with a pen where the Velcro is going to go. (I use sew on Velcro for purses as it lasts longer than iron-on. But if you prefer you can iron the Velcro on here.)



12. Stitch around both pieces of Velcro. Make sure you use the zipper to open up the bottom piece as far as possible . don't stitch more than the front layer of the pocket!



Make sure this is only stitched to the front layer.

13. Open the Velcro and then stitch down both sides of the purse ensuring that you back stitch over the ends of the zipper and at the bottom.



