

## SIMPLE CLUTCH by Imazzpatterns



This is a quick and easy tutorial ☺

This multi functional clutch can be made even by beginners – as long as you have basics in sewing.

Estimated time to complete the project : 30 – 45 minutes.

Seam allowance is ½ inch. The symbol - - - - - means “Sew”.



Materials :

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| i.   | Exterior fabric ( cotton )  | } 1 piece each ( 8 ½ inches x 12 inches ) |
| ii.  | Lining fabric ( cotton )  |   |
| iii. | Medium-weight Interfacing   |   |
| iv.  | Medium or Light fusible fleece – 1 piece ( 7 ½ inches x 11 inches ) |   |

**Reminder** : Thick interfacing / fleece can make sewing difficult. For your first project, use only the lighter/ thinner ones - unless you're using an industrial or heavy-duty machines

You will need a spool of matching thread, snap button , erasable marker , pins / clips, scissors and sewing machine.



Fuse interfacing to the lining fabric. Follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding temperature and pressing time. Keep it aside.

**Note:** This is a **FREE** pattern. You can download it for personal use. You can share this pattern in your blog, FB page or groups by giving the **LINK TO MY CRAFTSY SHOP**. Do not distribute or sell the pattern itself.

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3.



Divide the length of exterior fabric into 3 = 4 inches.

Mark with water soluble pen on the wrong side of the fabric.

4.



This is how I make the curve. The gridlines will help you to figure out the measurement. It's very simple actually. However you can make other simpler designs requiring only straight lines such as triangle, oval or semi-circle – they're easier to sew ( but less impressive, I think 😊 ). Be creative!

5.



Cut the upper part of the fusible fleece following the wavy line of the exterior fabric( the fleece is **½ inch smaller on all sides** than the exterior fabric )

Apply the fleece to the wrong side of the exterior fabric.



6. Place the right sides of exterior and lining fabric together. Pin in place. Sew on 3 sides, leaving the bottom part unstitched. If you wish to add strap, place it at this stage. Insert the strap at the blue arrow position ( in between lining and exterior fabrics).



7. Sew carefully especially along the wavy edge.  
Sew on the fabric, along the edge of the fleece. **DO NOT sew on the fleece.**



8. Trim out the upper part of the lining fabric, following the wavy outline of the exterior fabric.  
Snip at curves and corners of fabric to reduce bulkiness. **DO NOT skip this step ( or you will end up with ugly corners in your clutch).**



9. Insert your hand through the opening at the bottom ( the unstitched part ). Pull out the right side of the bag.  
Give a good press to remove wrinkles.





10.

Fold in the exterior and lining fabric at the bottom part. Topstitch along the edge to close the opening.



11.

Fold the lower part towards inside. Pin or clip.  
Topstitch along the edge of the 3 sides.



12.



Always backstitch at the beginning and end to strengthen the seam.

13.



Fold the flap. Press firmly.

Install snap button. I use a KAM plier ( which is very easy to use ). There are many other alternatives of tools for this purpose. Follow the instructions that come with the tool.



It's done! Fill it up with anything you want. Keep one in your handbag to minimise clutter – it can fit lipsticks, mascara, compact powder, etc.

In my country we use this clutch to keep paper packets. The packets are filled with money and given to children during festive seasons. The tradition is, once you start working and earn money , all the kids will come to you, smiling brightly. They will not leave until they get the packets! How joyous a childhood can be...



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