

“On The Fringe” Tote



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Supplies:

- 1 yd. total assorted colors of fleece
- 1/2 yd. fleece for purse foundation
- 1/2 yd. lining
- 2 – D rings 1 1/2"
- Thread to match lining

Tools:

- Scissors
- Cutting board
- Rotary cutter
- Ruler
- Sewing machine

Cutting Directions:

- Cut two 15" squares from fleece, foundation and lining. Cut from assorted fleece: One 5" x 30" strip (this will be for the top of the purse), Two 3" x 4- 1/2" strips for handle tabs, Three 1- 1/2" x 30" strips for handle (use 3 different colors), One 3- 1/2" strip from each of the assorted colors
- Fringe the 3- 1/2" strips every 3/4" stopping 1" from top

Sewing Directions for Purse:

1. With right sides together sew 1 side seam of the foundation squares with a 5/8" seam.
2. Open to the right side, seam in the middle going up and down.
3. Arrange the fringed strips on the purse starting the first row 3" up from bottom. Do not sew fringe into the seam allowance. The strips can be in one long piece or cut into smaller lengths and change of color in each row.
4. Sew on the first row, arrange the fringe for the second row 1" above the previous row. Continue until you get to the last row.
5. Use the 5" strip for the top row. Fringe this stopping 2" from top. Sew this with the top of the fringe even with the top of the purse foundation.
6. With right sides together sew the other side seam being careful not to sew the fringe into the seam. Sew bottom together.

Sewing Directions for Tabs:

1. Fold one 4- 1/2" strip lengthwise (right sides together,) sew into a tube with 1/4" seam. Turn and top stitch. Repeat for other tab.
2. Fold the tabs around the D rings. Match raw edges of tabs and purse at top & sew.

Sewing Directions for Lining:

1. Make same as purse foundation, leaving an opening for turning.
2. Place lining over purse with right sides together sew around top. Turn through opening of lining. Sew opening closed.
3. Top stitch around top of purse.

Sewing Directions for Handle:

1. Sew the 3 long strips together using a 1/4" seam.
2. With right sides together sew the remaining seam making a long tube and turn.
3. Fold each end of handle up about 1" around D ring and sew in place.

Skill Level: Some sewing experience helpful | Approximate Crafting Time: 3 hours

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