FLANNEL PURSE WITH ROSES

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Size: 10" X 12"

Materials

Flannels:

1 yard Gray 1/4 yard Light Pink

- Scrap of Pine
- 1 yard fusible fleece
- All purpose thread to match fabrics
- Permanent fabric adhesive
- Basic sewing supplies and tools

Instructions

Note: All seams are ½" wide with right sides together unless otherwise directed.

Cutting:

From Gray flannel, cut:

Two 11" x 31" rectangles (purse and lining)

One 3" x 30" strip (strap)

From Light Pink flannel, cut:

One 3" x 30" strip

One 3" x 20" strip

One 3" x 12" strip

- Layer the two gray flannel rectangles and draw a curve at each corner of one end. (Diagram #1) Cut along the curve.
- 2. Cut a piece of fusible fleece with the same curve, slightly smaller (about 1/4" all around) than the flannel pieces.
- 3. Follow the manufacturer's directions to fuse the fleece to the wrong side of one flannel piece, with a small margin of flannel all around.
- 4. Press a ½" hem at the straight end of each gray rectangle. Fold this end up 12" with right sides facing. Stitch the sides together. (**Diagram #2**)

- 5. Sew the curved tops of the flannel pieces together, right sides facing, leaving a 2" opening on each side above the straight side seam.
 (Diagram #3) Turn the curved flap and the fleece-lined purse right side out. Do not turn the lining; push the lining down inside the purse. Slip stitch the folded hem edges of the purse and lining together.
- 6. To make the strap, press the strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Open the strip and press the raw edges almost to the center fold. (**Diagram #4**) Fold again on the center fold and press. Top stitch close to both long edges.
- 7. Fold in the seam allowance of the openings at each side and insert the strap ends. Slip stitch the folded edges together, catching the strap in the stitches. Topstitch around the curved flap ¼" from the edge.
- 8. To make a flannel rose, fold the 30" pink strip in half lengthwise, right sides together, and sew across both short ends. Turn right side out and press a center lengthwise fold. Machine sew a gathering stitch ¼" from the raw edges. Pull the bobbin thread to gather the stitches as tightly as possible; knot and clip thread. To shape the rose, roll the strip in a spiral, tighter at first, then looser around the outer edges. Secure the shape with tacking stitches. Repeat with 20" strip and make a bud with 12" strip.
- 9. To make the leaves, trace the pattern three times on the wrong side of the pine flannel. Fold the flannel in half, right side together with pattern on top; pin. Sew all around each leaf, leaving open at bottom. Cut out 1/8" from seam line, trip tips and turn right side out. Gather base of each leaf ½" from the edge.
- 10. Arrange the roses and leaves on the purse flap. Tack or glue in place.

Diagrams

Diagram #1 (describes Step #1)



Diagram #2 (describes Step #4)

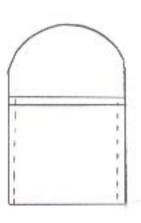


Diagram #3 (describes Step #5)

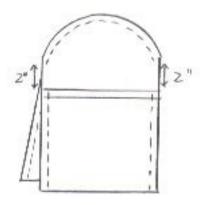
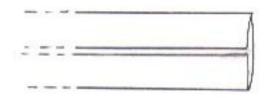


Diagram #4 (describes Step #6)



Pattern

