



Supply List:

Fabric Placemat  
Optional lining fabric -  $\frac{1}{2}$  yard  
Grosgrain Ribbon - 2 yards  
Optional decorative trims

Placemat Purse  
Instructions

Tip: When purchasing placemats fold it in half to make sure that plaids and patterns match nicely.

1. Fold placemat in half on center line as shown in diagrams below:



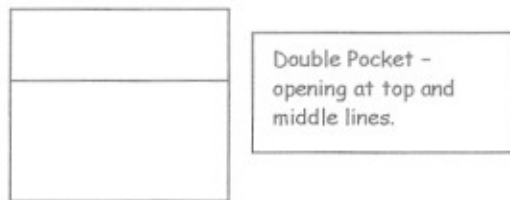
Fold Line



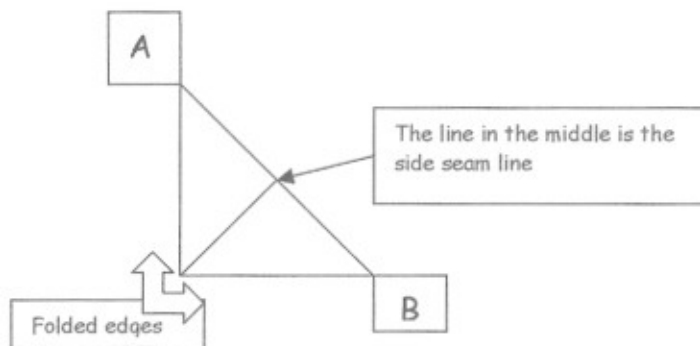
Folded in half

2. Determine placement of monogramming, then unfold and monogram the front of the purse.
3. If you want to line the purse, you will need to cut your coordinating fabric the same size as the placemat adding  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch seam allowances to each side. If you want the coordinating fabric to fold down over the top of the placemat to the outside of the purse, you will need to determine how deep you want the fold down to be, then add  $\frac{1}{2}$  extra for folding under and finishing
4. Adding an interior pocket: To add a pocket to the inside of the purse you will need to fold your lining fabric in half, then lay it on top of your folded placemat and determine the placement of the interior pocket. Mark placement with a water soluble pen. Cut a piece of lining fabric the width of what size you want the pocket to be adding  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch to each side. For a single pocket cut the fabric however deep you want the pocket to be adding  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch for seam allowances. If you want a double pocket you will need to make the pocket twice as deep, then fold up the fabric to within 1-1  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches to the top of the pocket, this will form 2 pockets when stitched into the purse.

5. Fold under the top edge of the pocket (or both pockets) and top stitch. For the double pockets you will need to first finish off the top edge of the outer pocket, then fold into place and turn under the top of the inner pocket and finish the top edge. Serge, then turn under or turn under side edges of pocket and press. Pin pocket in place on lining and top stitch, leaving upper edge open.



6. Placemat side seams. There are two ways of doing this. After folding placemat in half, butt the edges together and zig-zag edges together, stitching as far down to the fold as you can. OR, stitch a  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch seam.
7. With purse wrong side out, fold out seam at the corner as shown below:



8. Stitch a straight line from point A to point B, how far out from the triangle point will determine how wide the bottom of your purse is. On my purses I stitch 2" across from point A to point B.
9. You will follow these same instructions for the lining of the purse.
10. Insert lining wrong side out inside the purse, so that wrong sides are together. Fold lining at top of purse over the top edge of the placemat to the outside of the purse and turn under. Pin turned edge of lining to top edge of the outside of the purse. Top stitch in place, being very careful not to catch the pocket closed inside the purse.
11. Cut a 2 yard piece of grosgrain ribbon in half. Knot the ends and pin in place on front of purse. Top stitch in place at top edge of purse and also above and below the knot, so that the knot won't come untied.
12. Purse is complete!

Options: add decorative trims to top edge of purse or lining before top stitching the lining in place.