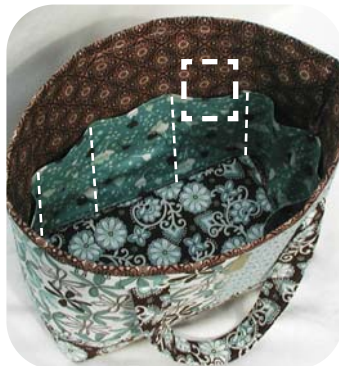


TUTORIAL: ADD A FLAP CLOSURE TO AN OPEN POCKET

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The secret to this project is the new 'Fusion', fusible form of Velcro. Read more about this product online at our blog. Since this version of Velcro is a fusible, it can be added at any time during a project - or after the project is complete! **NOTE:** Follow manufacturer's directions for fusing.



The Miranda Day Bag from Lazy Girl Designs (pattern #LGD123), is loaded with 10 'pockets in the round' as shown here. I've highlighted the pockets in the bag above with the white dashed lines.

The white dotted line square indicates where a flap closure will be added to the lining for one of these pockets.

The information contained in this tutorial is not included in the Miranda Day Bag pattern.

NOTE: I've sewn the flap closure in place in this tutorial. To add a flap to a finished bag, attach Velcro 'Fusion' to the top edge of the back of the flap, cover the raw fabric edge. Then fuse Velcro to the lining to match.

MAKE A FLAP

- Cut a piece of fabric the width of the pocket by 9" high. My pocket is 4" wide.

Above

- Fold flap fabric in half, right sides together, matching short edges (should measure 4" x 4 1/2").

- Use 1/4" seam allowance, stitch side edges.

Above Center

- Turn right sides out and press.

- Topstitch along the three finished edges, press.

Above Right

- Fold 1/4" at raw edge to the back side of the flap and press (top of third photo).

- Cut rough half of Velcro 1 1/2" to 2" long. Then cut it down the center lengthwise, approx 3/8".

- Attach Velcro to back of flap at least 1/2" from edges.



ATTACH FLAP AND VELCRO

- Flap and pocket should overlap 1 1/2" as shown with the two white boxes in the picture to the left.

- Stitch top edge of flap to lining as shown in the picture to the right.

- See 'Note' directly above to fuse rather than sew flap to bag.

- Stitch a box pattern big enough to conceal the raw edge on back of flap.

- With flap in place, fold bottom edge back to reveal rough piece of Velcro and pin.

- Attach soft piece of Velcro on pocket, centered below the flap Velcro.

- Pocket flap is done!



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