

Strip-pieced Purse

Cutting:

- Using the measurements in diagram 1, cut your pieces from at least five coordinating fabrics.
- Also, cut your heavy weight fusible interfacing pieces as prescribed.
- Cut your lining pieces as prescribed.

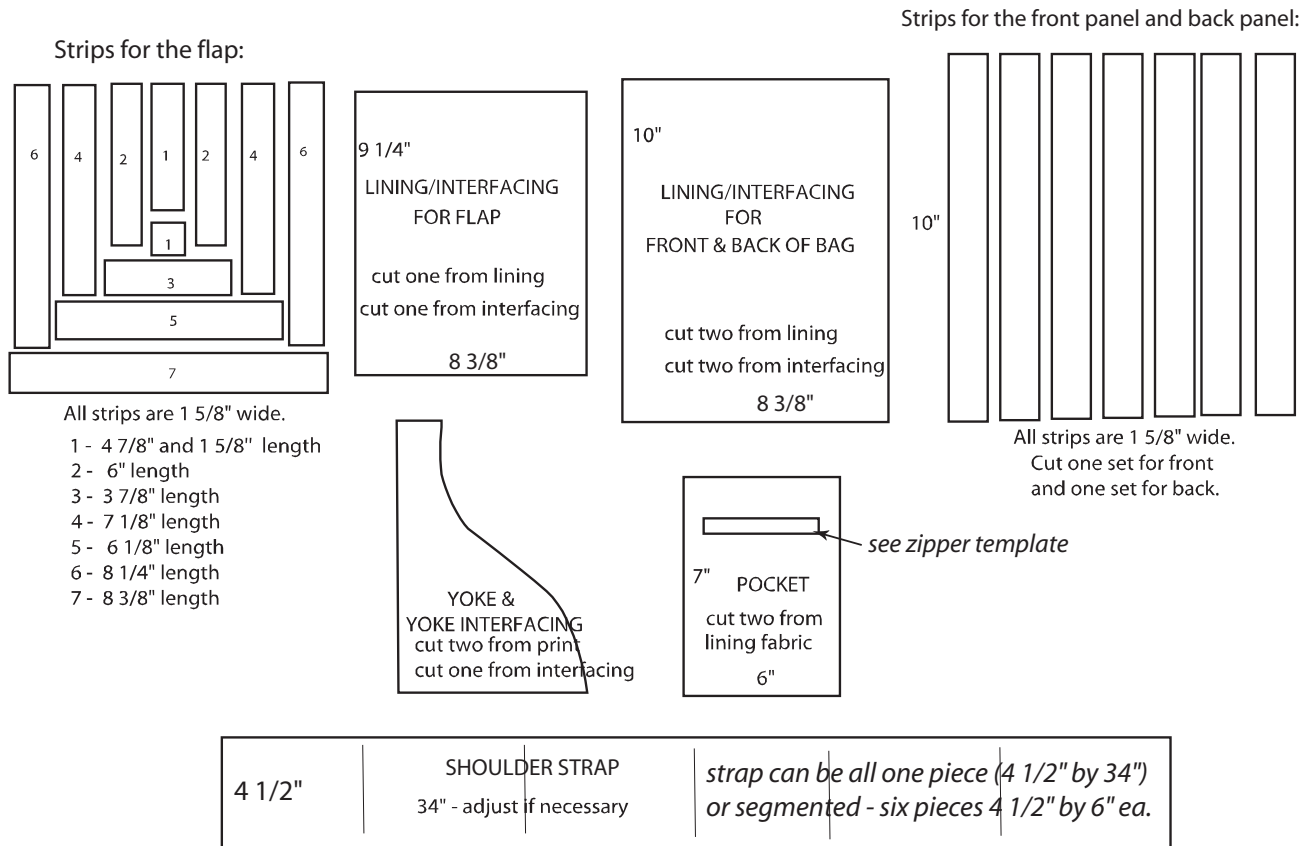
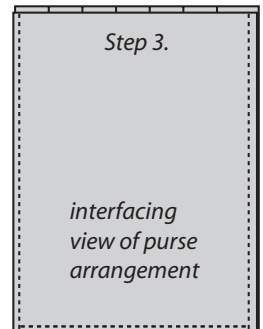


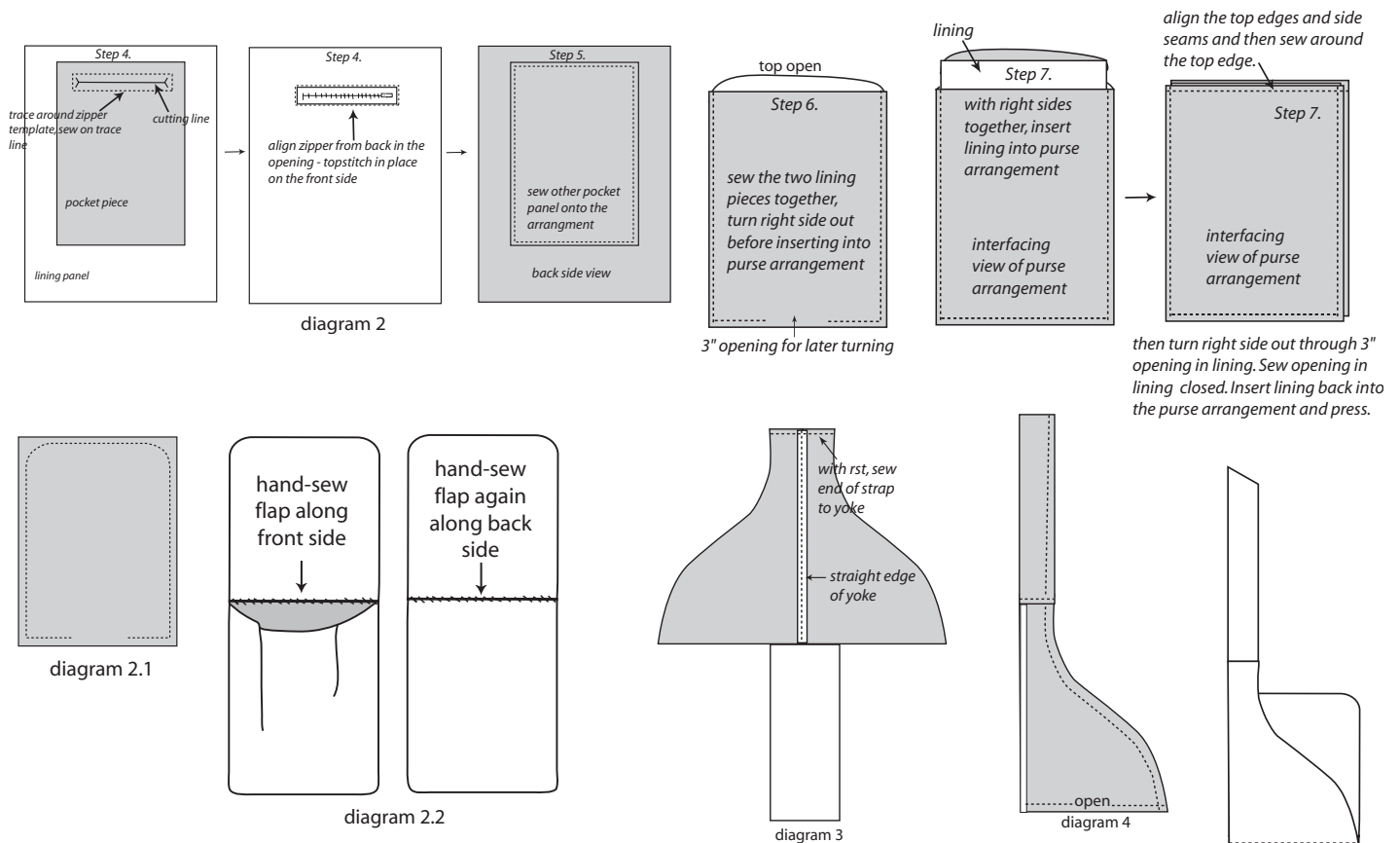
diagram 1

1. Place chosen fabrics on worktable as in diagram 1. For flap, sew pieces together in order numbered above. Press seams toward darker fabric. Sew front strips together - *for the front panel of the purse*. Sew back strips together - *for the back panel of the purse*.
2. Attach interfacing to the *wrong side* of each of these three arrangements - *press fusible interfacing to the wrong side of the flap arrangement, the front panel of the purse, and the back panel of the purse*.
3. With right sides together, sew the front panel to the back panel on three sides with top open - *set flap aside for a moment*.



with rst, sew front panel to back panel of purse

4. *Zipper in the lining*: With right sides together, align and pin a pocket piece to a lining piece as in diagram 2. Using supplied zipper template, trace around the template with fabric marker. Sew on tracing line. Cut on cutting lines. Pull pocket part through opening and press the rectangle opening. Align zipper behind opening and top-stitch in place. If zipper is longer than opening, carefully sew over teeth of zipper (vinyl only). Cut off extra.
5. Align second pocket piece to the first pocket piece arrangement. Pin and sew around all four edges of pocket pieces.
6. With right sides together, sew the front and back lining pieces with a 3" opening in the bottom for later turning.
7. With right sides together, put the lining piece inside the pieced fabric arrangement. Align top edges and side seams and sew around top edge. Turn right side out through opening in lining. Insert lining back into purse and press fold around the top edge. Hand-stitch the opening in the lining closed.
8. *Flap*. With right sides together, sew the flap lining to the pieced flap. Notice sewing lines in diagram 2.1 - you may round bottom corners if you like. Clip corners. Turn right side out through opening. Press. Hand stitch opening closed.
9. Meticulously hand-stitch the flap to the purse. Do the lining side first and then the print side, see diagram 2.2.



10. *Yoke and strap*: Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of one of the yoke pieces. With right sides together, sew the straight edge of the yoke. With right sides together, align the end of the strap with the yoke as in diagram 3. Sew together. Fold right sides together and sew the raw edges together as illustrated by sewing lines in diagram 4. Turn right side out through opening and hand stitch opening closed. Top-stitched yoke to purse with flap open and held out of the way as in diagram 4.1.
11. For the other end of the strap, fold in the raw edges (notice from diagram 4.1 that the end is turned in at an angle) and top-stitch to the purse on the back side - note cover photo.

Note: Some people might prefer the strap on the left shoulder with bag on the right hip instead of the pattern's version of the strap on the right shoulder and bag on the left hip. If so, flip the yoke template (for zipper version) or flip the yoke itself when sewing it on to the purse.

Note: One customer has mentioned that the yoke is too narrow for the main part of the purse (at least on older editions of the pattern); and it may be. Try increasing the bottom of the yoke by 5/8" on the striped pieced version and 3/8" on the other two versions. Sewing smaller seam allowances may solve the problem (too large of seam allowances may have been the problem).