

*Flange*

## Purse Instructions

### Cutting:

Cut 2 purse pieces from your main fabric;  
2 lining pieces;  
2 straps—cut two 2 ½" strips (width of fabric, 42"-44", is suggested);  
Pocket—cut 2 of lining fabric;  
2 flanges from main fabric;  
1 1/2" piece of Velcro.  
If using an iron-on interfacing, cut and iron onto purse/lining/straps now.

### Straps:

Crease strap in the middle along its length, press to set crease.  
Fold in upper half of strap to middle, pressing as you go along full length of strap.  
Repeat along other long side of strap.  
The result will be folded like bias tape.  
Then bring folded sides together and steam press entire length.  
Top stitch along both long edges about 1/8" in from edge.

### Flanges:

Fold flange in middle along length, right sides together, and seam each end in 1/4" seam.  
Turn and press seams.  
You can add Velcro now or later. Stitch onto each flange, placing hook side and loop sides so they will meet accurately for closing purse.

### Pocket:

Assemble pocket right sides together, and stitch in 1/4" seam, leaving opening to turn.  
Turn and press. Turn under raw edges of opening and press.  
To close, hand stitch opening, or arrange pocket so that you can top stitch over opening when sewing to lining.  
Place in center of one lining piece. Sew around three sides of pocket.

### Lining:

Sew two lining pieces, right sides together, along sides and bottom, stopping at notch.  
Do not turn right side out.

**Purse front and back:**

Add decoration (ribbons, trim, buttons, etc.) as desired. Be sure ribbon is located so that it meets at front and back side seams.

When front and back of purse are decorated, place right sides together and seam around sides and bottom of purse using 1/4" seam. Turn and press outer edges.

**Finishing:**

Pin one flange to outside of front piece and one to back piece, raw edges together.

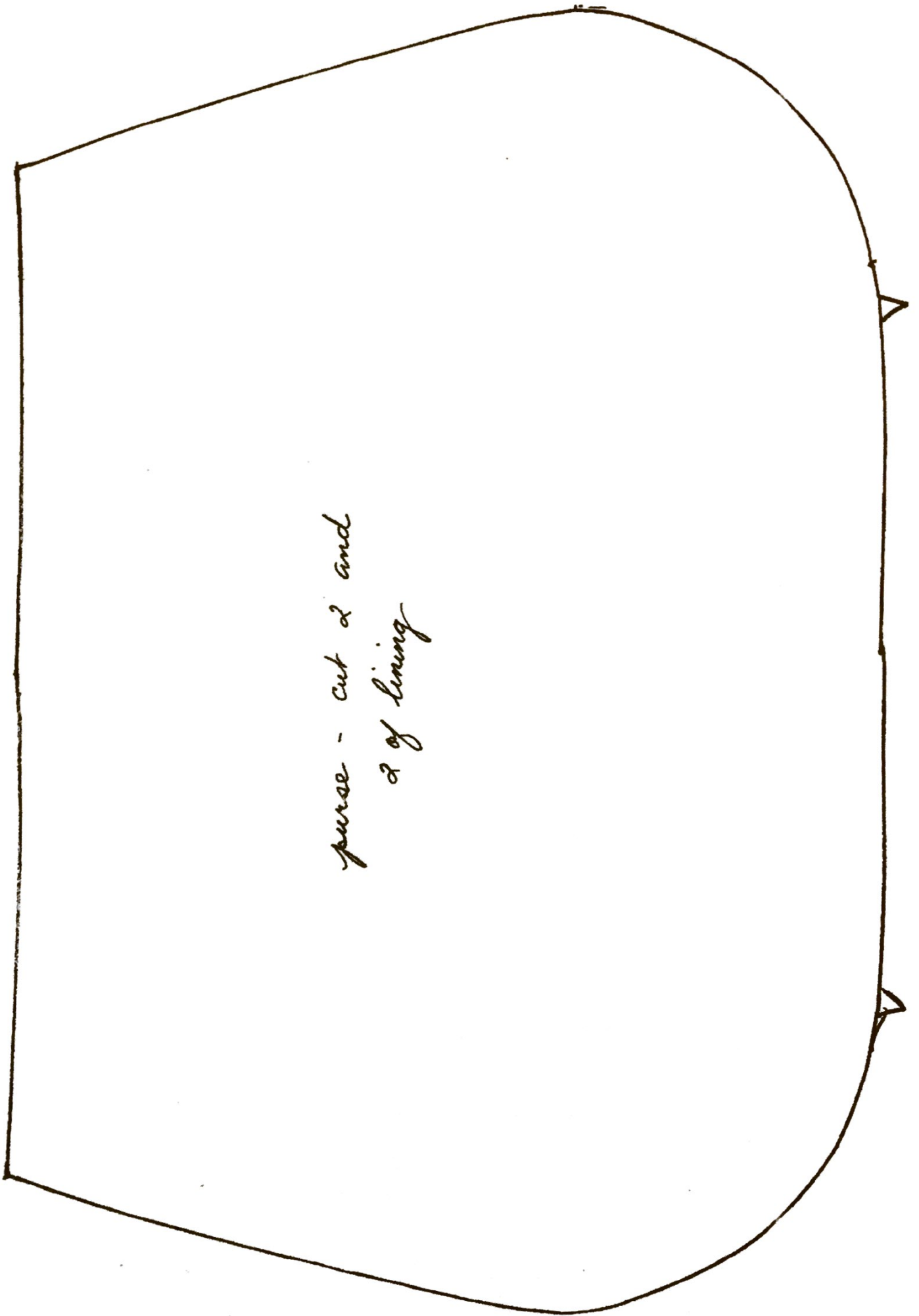
Cut straps to desired length.

Pin raw edges of one strap to front purse at side next to flange.  
Repeat on back with second strap.  
Machine baste all around top of purse.

Place entire purse (including straps) inside lining, right sides together, matching side seams. Pin in place, then stitch completely around top of purse opening.

Turn by pulling purse through opening in bottom of lining.  
Top stitch around opening.

Turn in raw edges of opening in lining, blindstitch closed or machine stitch very close to edge.



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