

## Back to School Clothing Drive Stitches of Love

### Super Easy Purse

#### Supplies -

8 1/2" x 18" fabric for purse

8 1/2" x 16" fabric for lining

7 1/2" x 16" iron-on lightweight interfacing

30" to 36" handles - matching fabric or twill tape

2 - 7 1/2" x 7 1/2" fabric for flap



#### Directions -

1. Iron interfacing to wrong side of purse fabric, following manufacturers directions.
2. Fold and press 1/2" on short ends of purse. Repeat for another fold.
3. Decorate purse fabric.
4. With right sides together sew sides of lining.
5. With right sides together, sew sides of purse, making sure to open up folded tops.
6. Turn purse right side out, insert lining matching side seams. Line up the top of lining with the raw edge of 1st fold. Fold down second fold. The top of lining will be covered by purse fabric.
7. Stitch top of purse. Use a free-arm machine and top stitch or sew from the inside.

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8. Attach handles.
9. For flap - decorate as desired. Place right sides together. Sew around leaving a 2" opening for turning. Turn right sides out and press. Sew onto top of "opposite" side, making sure any decorations will be correct when it goes over the top.



For the cat, I took a picture of the fabric, printed it, and then traced it onto the fabric with an water-soluble markers. Red embroidery floss to stitch it. Meow!



Lots of decorative stitches and couched yarns!



Crazy-quilt style piecing.