



Technique:	Sewing
Designed By:	Linda Turner Griepentrog
Skill Level:	Experienced Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	16" (40.64cm) diameter, but depends on placemat size

Featuring Coats Dual Duty XP®, Coats® Purse Zipper

If you're looking for a little bling to ring in the new year, look no further than your local linen store—that's right, this gorgeous bag was a placemat in its former life.

Supplies

- 22" (55.88cm) Coats® purse zipper
- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread
- Coats Dual Duty XP® Heavy thread
- (1) round metallic vinyl placemat, approximately 16" (40.64cm) diameter
- ½ yd (45.72cm) black cotton for lining*
- (2) tassels, 3" (7.62cm)
- Hand sewing needle
- Zipper foot
- Spring clips

**If your placemat is laser cut like the featured one, the lining color will show through the openings, so choose a color accordingly.*

Cutting

From the lining fabric, cut:

(2) rectangles, 2" x 5½" (6.35cm x 13.97cm), for zipper ends

Trace around the outer placemat edges and cut 2 circles that size

Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).

Assembling the Lining

1. With right sides together, sew around the lining circle perimeter. Cut a small slit in one layer in the center of the circle for turning.
2. Turn the circles right side out and press the edges. Hand-stitch the opening closed.
3. To make the zipper ends, fold each rectangle in half to make a 2" x 2¾" (5.08cm x 6.99cm) rectangle, and sew around the edges, leaving a small opening for turning. Turn the rectangles right side out and hand-stitch the opening closed.
4. Place a zipper end over each end, just covering the zipper stop. Sew along the zipper tape edges to hold in place.
5. Fold the lining circle in half and mark the fold lines, then fold in half again to find the top center. Mark the zipper center.
6. Matching the center points, pin the lining circle right side (without the slit) to each side of the zipper, leaving the ends free. Leave about ¼" (.64cm) between the zipper teeth and the lining circle edge. Using a zipper foot, sew the zipper to the lining, starting and stopping about 1" (2.54cm) from each end and moving the zipper pulls out of the way as needed for access. This process is easier with the zipper open, particularly for side two.
7. Hand-stitch the ends in place to neaten.

Assembling the Bag

8. Fold the placemat in half and pin-mark the folds. Fold the semi-circle in half to find the center point and pin mark.
9. Matching the lining center points and folds to the placemat markings, slide the lining into the placemat and clip both sides to hold it in place. Tuck in the ends as needed to neaten.
10. Using a single hand-sewing thread and needle, find a line of openwork patterning about 1" (2.54cm) below the zipper tape and sew in and out of the holes to anchor the lining to the placemat. At the ends, make the stitching closer to the lining. Repeat for the second side.

Finishing the Bag

1. Using (8) strands of Heavy Thread, tie a tassel loop to each zipper pull and clip the threads close to the knot.

