



Technique:	Sewing, Clothesline coil
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Skill Level:	Intermediate
Crafting Time:	A Weekend
Finished size:	11½" Diameter x 25" Long

Featuring Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® Thread

Hip, fun and easy Island inspired purse uses torn strips of fabric to cover a clothesline. The covered rope is coiled and stitched to form a circle.

Supplies

- Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® All Purpose Thread in coordinating or contrasting color
- 1 yard each 3 or 4 coordinating fabrics
- ¼ yard fusible medium weight interfacing
- 2 packages - 10 yards of ⅜" cording for project, *Optional: 1 package to practice*
- (1) ¾" covered button
- Long glass head pins
- Marking pen
- Yard Stick
- Scissors

Preparing Fabrics

Select the fabrics that you will use for the bag sides and handles and for the lining. Set aside 1/2 yard of these fabrics. Use the rest of the fabrics for the strips. Cut selvages off fabrics and tear about (10) 1" strips in each fabric on cross grain.

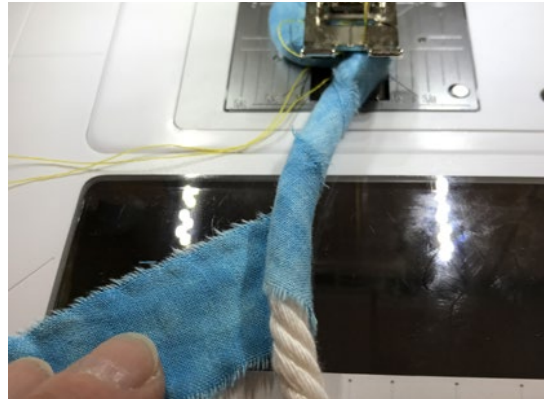


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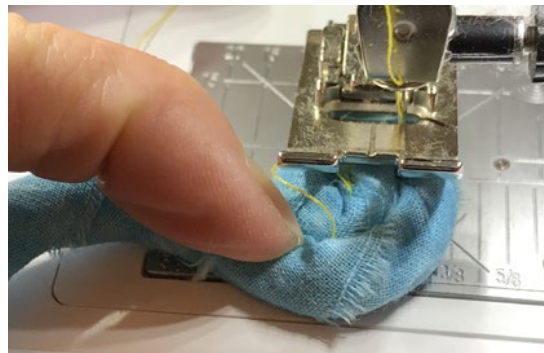
- (1) 69" L x 5" W - sides/bottom fabric
- (1) 24" L x 5" W - lining sides/bottom fabric
- (1) 24" L x 5" W - interfacing
- (2) 30" L x 2" W - handle fabric
- (2) 30" L x 2" W - interfacing
- (1) 9½" L x 1¾" W - button loop
- (2) Circles 11½" in diameter - lining fabric

Covering the Clothesline

1. All seam allowances are ½".
TIP: Use one package of cording to practice technique before starting project.
2. Wrap cording 10" or so at a time diagonally with fabric strips alternating coordinating fabrics. Start coiling cording clockwise so cord and package are to the right.

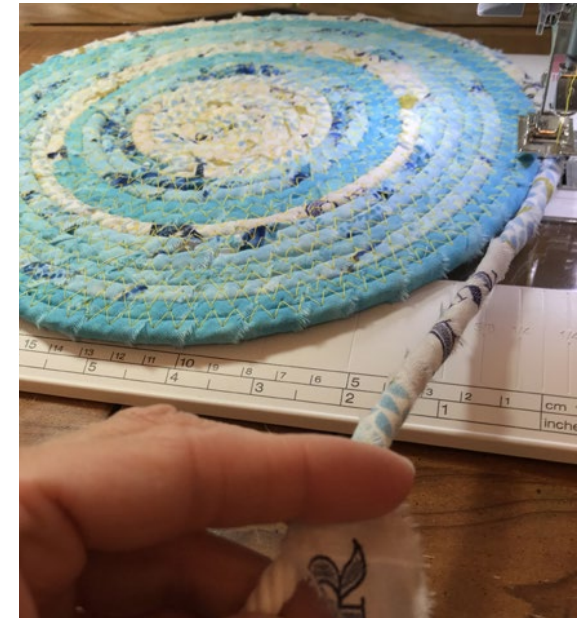


Zigzag stitch outer cording to inner cording turning coiled panel as you go.



Leave tails at beginning to tie off in back later.

3. Use entire package to get round panel approximately 11½" in diameter. Complete 2 of these round panels for purse.



Assemble the Tote

1. Sew a double gathering line of stitches in the seam allowance on the long edges of the 69" strip leaving thread tails on the beginning and end.
2. Pin wrong side of circular panel to right side of 69" x 5" strip. Match dots on each side of panel to 1/2" from ends of strip. Pull up the gathering threads to fit evenly distributing the fullness. Clip to stitching at 1" intervals on strip seam allowances. Stitch from dot on one side to dot on other leaving 1/2" at each end of seam open.



3. Pull gathering threads on the other side of the strip to match other panel and turn under seam allowance at basting. Pin to the other circular panel.



Edge stitch on top of gathers through panel.



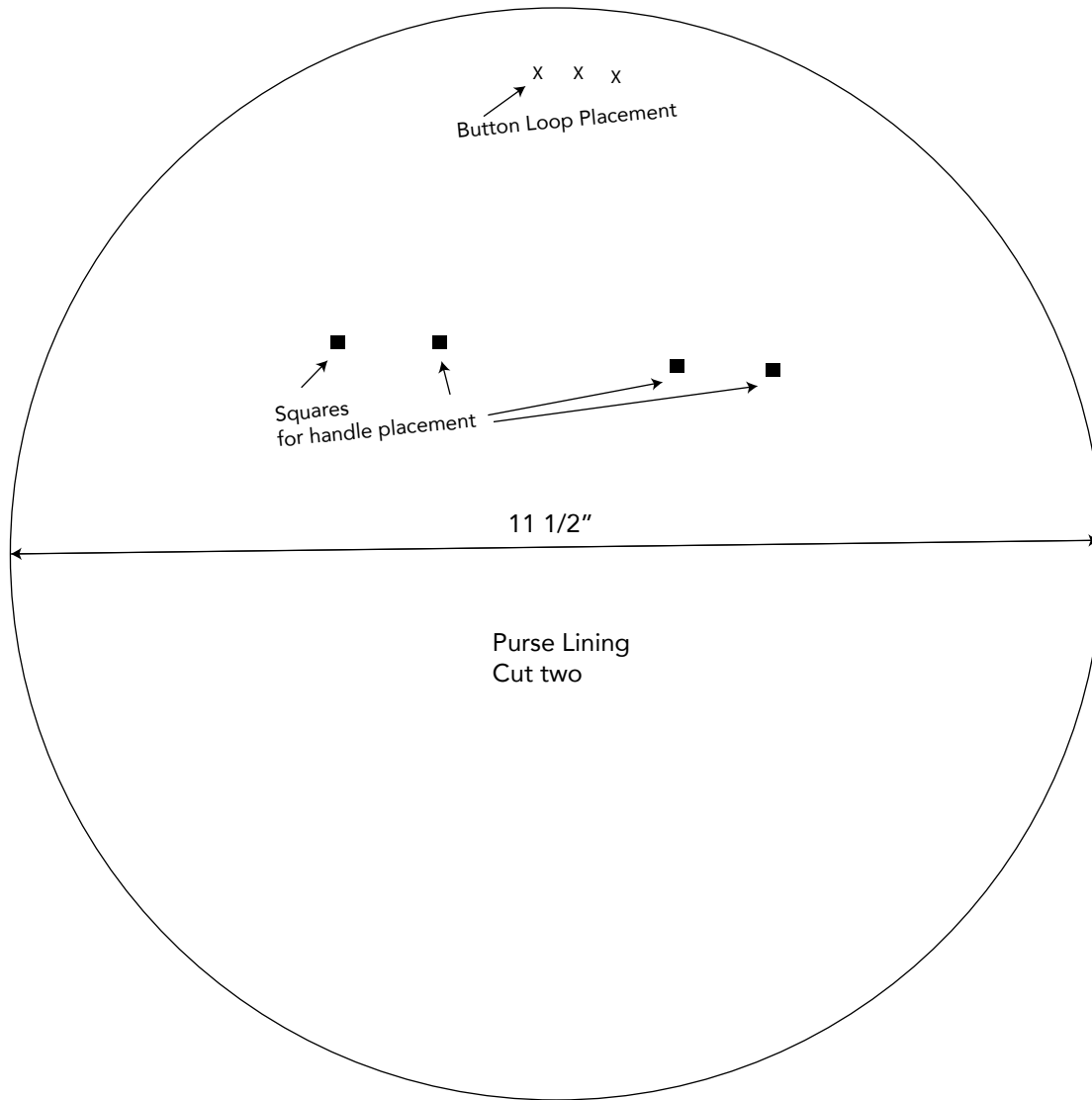
4. Match dots on circles of lining to 1/2" from ends of 24" x 5" strip lining on each side leaving 1/2" open on ends. Stitch lining right sides together clipping 3/8" in to seam allowance at 1" intervals on strip to fit. Press seams.

Handles

1. Fuse the interfacing on to 24" x 5" strip and 30" x 2" strips handles.
2. Fold long edges of 30" x 2" strips of each strap together and stitch. Place straps at squares of coiled panels on each side. Stitch in a 1" square on ends of handles then an X between points of square.

3. Fold 9 1/2" x 1 3/8" strip button loop in half lengthwise and press. Fold each long side in to first fold making double fold binding. Fold in half to make button loop and stitch on to one side panel top.
4. Stitch 1/2" seam allowance on lining at top between dots to serve as a guide for turning down. Slip lining into purse wrong sides together. Turn down 1/2" seam allowances at top of lining and slip stitch together.
5. Cover button and stitch in place on opposite side as the button loop.





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