

Quick n' Easy Coin Purse



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This quilted coin purse is very simple to create and is a great way to highlight one of your favorite quilting cotton prints.

Since all the seams are finished, this is a very durable coin purse. Toss it in the wash if it gets dirty, it will not fray apart!

Materials Guide:

| Material: | Yardage: | Cutting Guide: |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Fabric A | Scraps | 1 piece 7" x 12" |
| Fabric B | Scraps | 1 piece 7" x 12" |
| Cotton Batting | Scraps | 1 piece 7" x 12" |
| White Velcro | 3/4" wide non-adhesive backed | 1 piece 3.5" long |
| Thread | Any color you prefer | |

A Note About Color:

Use a fun print for the outside of your coin purse, and use a different fabric for the inside. You can either choose a fabric that compliments your outside fabric, or you can choose a fabric that contrasts your outside fabric. It's all up to your mood at the moment.

When it comes to your thread color, you can choose basic white (as I did in these examples), you can choose a thread color that matches your outer fabric to make the quilting "disappear", or you can choose a thread color that will stand out and highlight your quilting. It is all up to you, there is no right or wrong choice.

It's your coin purse, so have fun with color!

Assembly:



1) First, gather up your materials. You should have 1 piece of outside fabric (purple floral), 1 piece of inner fabric (plaid), and 1 piece of batting.



2) Layer your pieces together like so:

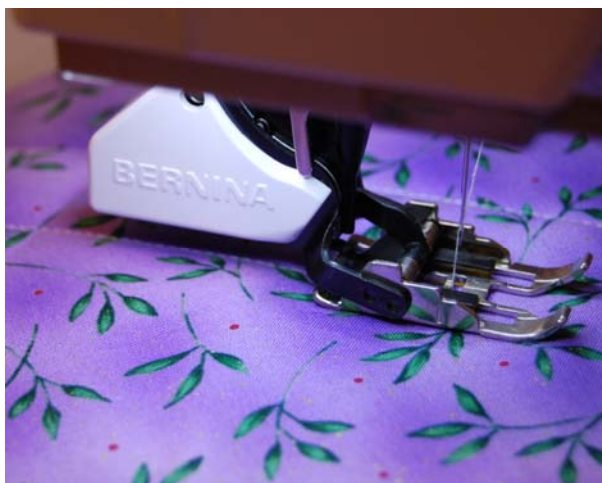
Inner fabric (face down)
Batting
Outer fabric (face up)



3) Now, you will quilt your pieces together.

Option 1: Crosshatch pattern

If you have one, put your walking foot on your sewing machine.



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Begin sewing lines across your fabric, all in the same direction. After you sew one line, make all the others run (more or less) parallel to it.



Option 1: Crosshatch pattern

This close up picture shows how the lines are being sewn parallel to each other.



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Here you can see the piece with all the lines quilted in one direction.



Option 1: Crosshatch pattern

Once the piece has been quilted in one direction, it is time to quilt in the other direction. This is how we make a Crosshatch pattern.



Option 1: Crosshatch pattern

Here is a close up picture of the piece with the Crosshatch pattern quilted into it.



Option 2: Freemotion pattern

If you are comfortable with this method, you can also choose to do a freemotion pattern.

You will need to use your darning foot and to drop your feed dogs.

Using your freemotion pattern of choice, quilt the entire piece. I attempted to do a meandering swirl type of pattern.



Option 2: Freemotion pattern

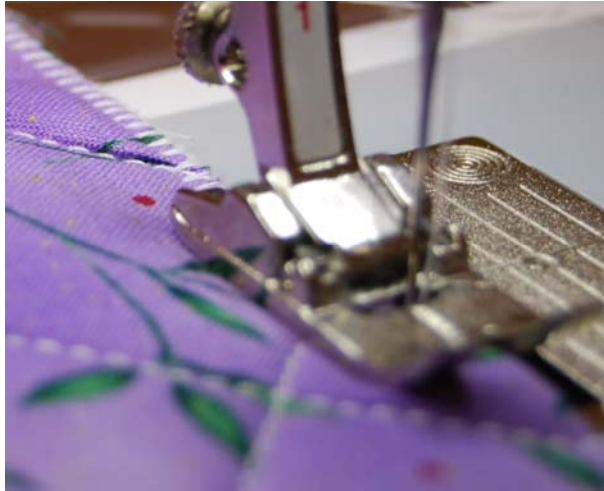
Here is a sample of my freemotion quilting. Please forgive the roughness of this quilting, I usually use a longarm quilting machine for my quilting and I'm not very smooth at it on my standard sewing machine yet. *grin*



4) Once your piece has been quilted, you will need to trim it down to the correct finished size. Trim it so it measures 5" x 10".



5) Now you will need to put your standard sewing foot on your sewing machine, if it isn't already on.



6) With a zigzag stitch, you need to finish the two short sides of your quilted piece. This will prevent the edge from fraying.



Watch your needle placement.

Notice how the needle is just barely skimming along the raw edge of the fabric? This is exactly where you want it to be, so that the thread encases the fabric edge.

The smaller picture to the far left shows you what your edge will look like after it has been zigzag stitched.



7) Next, pin the Velcro on to the outside of your coin purse along the short sides, about 1/8" in from the edge. The fuzzy piece will be on one side, and the prickly piece will be on the other side.

Sew the Velcro in place, stitching around all four sides of each piece.



8) Lay your project down with the inside fabric facing up. Fold back the short ends so the Velcro is turned towards the inside, then pin in place.



9) Stitch the folded over piece in place along the top of the zigzag stitching.

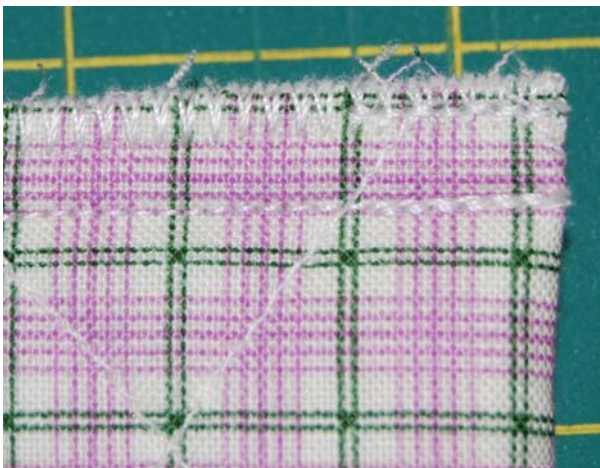


10) Now stitch along the top of the folded edge, securing it in place as well.



11) Fold your coin purse in half, with the inside fabric facing out. Pin in place.

Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew the two sides in place. Then finish the raw edges with a zigzag stitch, just like in Step 6.

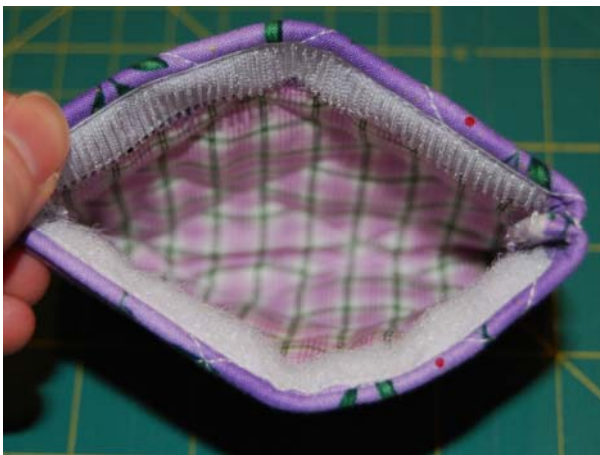


Here is a close up picture of what the edges will look like once they have been sewn together and zigzag stitched.



12) Lastly, turn your coin purse right side out, and you are done!!

Notice how we hid the Velcro inside the coin purse, you don't even see the stitching used to sew it in place. Isn't that a nice touch?



And this is what your coin purse will look like on the inside. Nice and neat, with all seams finished so it won't fray apart on you. *grin*



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