

Varsity Purse 3

An In-the-Hoop Project

Shoulder purse for very large hoops *with 3 front pocket options*. Includes patterns and instructions for purse; SVG/FCM/DXF cutting files and instructions for marine vinyl strap loops.

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Cut the following pieces			
<i>Measurements in inches</i>			
I recommend labeling each piece with the corresponding letter			
		A	B
A. Strap Loops	Marine vinyl	(2) 2.5 x 2.75	
B. Pocket	Fabric 3	8 x 14	8.75 x 14.5
C. Pocket Stiffener	Cutaway stabilizer	8 x 7	8.75 x 7.25
D. Front Batting*	Fusible fleece	8 x 12.5	8.75 x 12.75
E. Front Top	Fabric 3	8 x 5.5	8.75 x 6
F. Front Bottom	Fabric 2	8 x 7	8.75 x 7.75
G. Linings	Fabric 2	(2) 8 x 12.5	8.75 x 12.75
H. Back	Fabric 3 or 4	8 x 12.5	8.75 x 12.75
Choose 1 pocket			
I. Flap – Pocket 3	Fabric 1	7 x 4	7.75 X 4
J. Flap Lining – Pocket 3	Fabric 2	7 x 4	7.75 X 4
K. Flap Ribbon	7/8" Grosgrain	10.5"	
L. Flap – Pocket 4	Fabric 1	7 x 4	7.75 X 4.5
M. Flap Lining – Pocket 4	Fabric 2	7 x 4	7.75 X 4.5
N. Flap – Pocket 5	Fabric 1		
O. Flap Lining – Pocket 5	Fabric 2		

* You may substitute a very thin batting or piece of flannel for the fusible fleece and place when directed in Part 3. *You may skip **all** batting to further reduce bulk.*

1 Strap Loops	2 FRONT	3 BACK
44x60mm 1.73 x 2.36"	178 x 288mm 7.01 x 11.34"	178 x 288mm 7.01 x 11.34"
	198 x 298mm 7.8 x 11.73"	198 x 298mm 7.8 x 11.73"
Flap/Pocket 3	Flap/Pocket 4	Flap/Pocket 5
178x284mm 7.01 x 11.18"	178 x 280mm 7.01 x 11.02"	178 x 288mm 7.01 x 11.34"
198x296mm 7.8 x 11.65"	198 x 295mm 7.8 x 11.61"	198x296mm 7.8 x 11.65"

Suggested fabrics: Cottons or quilting cottons for flap, pocket and linings. Linings may also be made from regular lining fabric to help reduce bulk. The flap may also be made from faux suede/leather or pleather.

Additional Materials	<p>Mid-weight cutaway stabilizer (2 oz.) – 4 pieces to fit in hoop.</p> <p>(3) KamSnap sets</p> <p>(1) 9" zipper (#3 nylon skirt/dress zipper)</p> <p>¾" wide poly webbing: cut to preferred length for non-adjustable strap; 60" for adjustable strap</p> <p>¾" metal rectangular loops (2) for permanent strap</p> <p>¾" gate (snap) clips (2) for removable strap</p> <p>¾" 2 loop slider (1) for adjustable strap</p> <p>Transpore tape, masking tape, scotch tape, washable glue stick</p> <p><i>Optional - Dritz Wonder Tape</i> double sided, water soluble, sew through tape for applying zipping</p> <p>Bobbin and embroidery thread - I recommend using poly thread throughout this design.</p> <p>See the Links page on my website for a list of my favorite suppliers.</p>
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Loops for purse straps.

Sliders can be plastic or metal.



Gate Clips. Come in several sizes and are great for removable purse straps.



Special Precautions

You will be hooping only the stabilizer. It needs to be tight in the hoop with no slippage. You do not want the project to start sagging part way through.

You will be taking the hoop on and off the machine a number of times. Be very careful not to move the embroidery unit. Also be very careful not to disturb the project in the hoop. Place it on a flat surface while working. This will help keep the project from shifting in the hoop while you work.

If you tape the pieces down, don't put the tape right against the seam allowance. Some machines do not behave well when the foot is running over tape. The foot will drag causing skipped stitches as well as broken threads and needles. You can tape across the corners instead of on the sides.

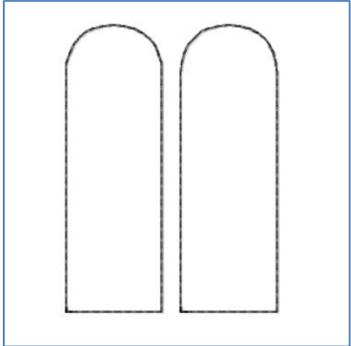
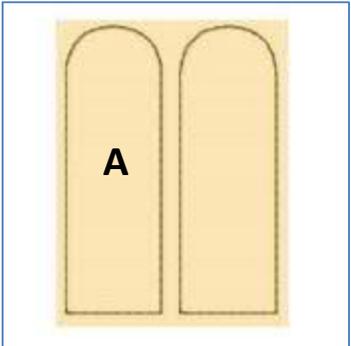
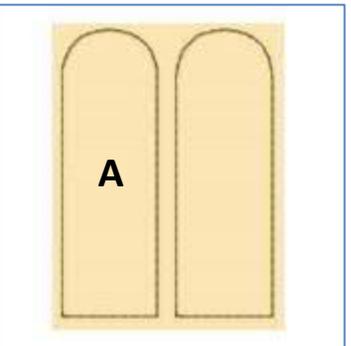
Please stay with your machine at all times. Watch that the foot does not become caught in the fabric layers.

In case of broken needle or thread

*If you need to go back during the sew-out, remove the hoop, and return to the **START** of the color stop. Return the hoop to the machine and then advance the needle to the position where you wish to start. **You do NOT want the foot passing over the center of the project at any time** – it is too thick and will stop the foot as it tries to cross. Adjust these instructions per your machine's behavior.*

CutNSew Strap Loops

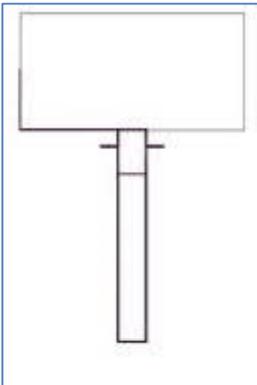
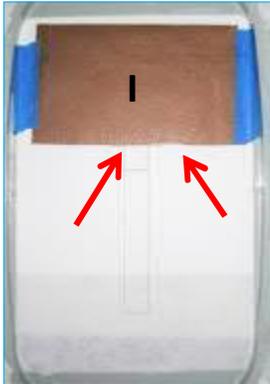
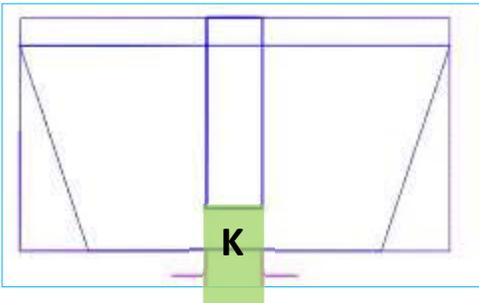
If necessary, set the size of the strap loop (**1Loop75_MV**) in your cutting software to **44x60mm (1.73 x 2.36")**. Cut 2 pieces per loop. *It is not necessary to mirror image the backs as these are symmetrical shapes.*

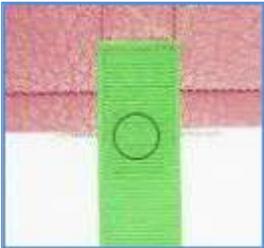
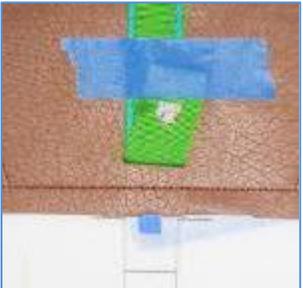
1 - Strap Loops	
Cutting files in DXF/FCM/SVG formats are included. <i>Images show the sew 'n cut method.</i>	
Hoop 2 oz. cutaway stabilizer. Load 1Loop75_MV into the machine. <i>Use tearaway if you precut the loops.</i>	
1	<p>Stitch Color #1, the placement for the loops.</p> 
2A	<p>Remove the hoop from the machine turning it over to the BACK. Place it on a flat surface.</p>
2B	<p>Center one STRAP LOOP (A) (or two precut strap loops) FACE UP over the placement stitches. These will be the back side of the loop. <i>Tape to stabilizer with transpore tape.</i></p> 
2C	<p>Turn the hoop over to the FRONT and place it on a flat surface.</p>
2D	<p>Center the remaining STRAP LOOP (A) (or two precut strap loops) FACE UP over the placement stitches. <i>Tape to stabilizer with transpore tape.</i></p> 

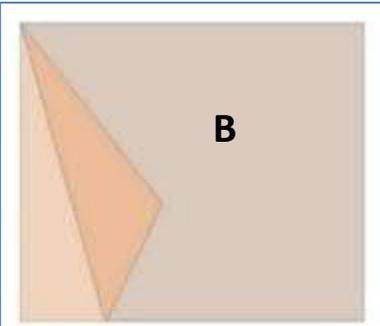
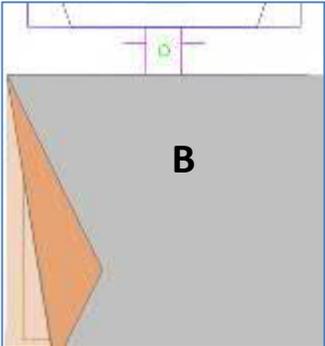
2E	Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #2 using a contrasting thread color. This tacks the vinyl to the stabilizer and establishes the cutting lines. <i>Skip this step if you precut the pieces on your cutting machine.</i>
3	Stitch Color #3 , the bean stitch outline and snap placement circles. <i>The back side will be visible in the finished project so you may wish to use matching thread in the bobbin.</i>
4	Remove the hoop from the machine. Remove the project from the hoop. Remove tape.
5	<p>If manually cutting, carefully cut just inside the outer stitching lines.</p> <p>If you precut the tabs, tear away the excess stabilizer.</p>
6	Lay aside. Continue with the instructions for the pocket of your choice – 3, 4 or 5.

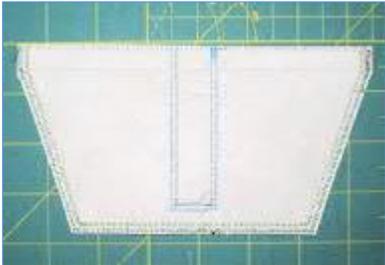


2 - Flap & Pocket 3

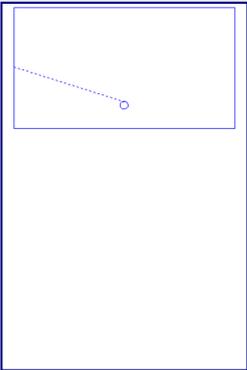
Hoop 2 oz. cutaway stabilizer. Load the appropriate file into your machine.	
SM – 1Varsity3A_PCKT	LG – 1Varsity3B_PCKT
1	<p>Place the hoop on the machine. Stitch Color #1, the placement outline for the flap.</p> 
2A	Remove the hoop from the machine placing it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.
2B	<p>Center the FLAP (I) FACE UP over the placement stitching. <i>This is the piece that will show on the outside of the purse when the flap is closed.</i></p> <p>The fabric should overlap the placement stitching by about ¼” on all sides. It needs to remain ABOVE the two short horizontal lines that separates the flap area from the pocket.</p> <p>Tape/pin in place.</p> 
2C	Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #2 , tacking the fabric down and creating placement stitches for the ribbon.
3A	Remove the hoop from the machine placing it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.
3B	<p>Place the RIBBON (K) FACE DOWN. Line one end of the ribbon up with the bottom of the rectangle at the middle of the flap, centering it between the long sides of the ribbon placement lines.</p> 

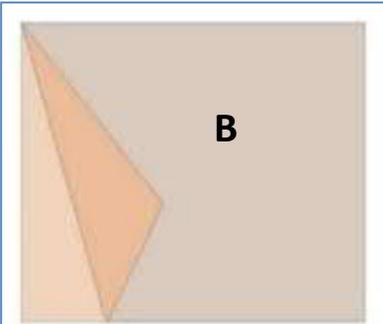
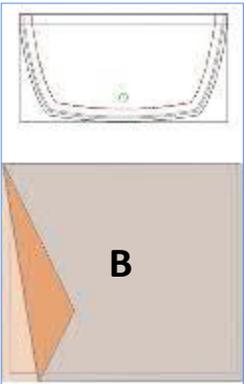
<p>3C</p>	<p>The bottom end of the ribbon touches or extends beyond the bottom of the ribbon placement stitching.</p> <p>Use a piece of tape to secure the top end of the ribbon in place about 3/8" below the cut end, but keep it above the two short horizontal lines. Tape the ribbon to the stabilizer across the lower end.</p>	
<p>3D</p>	<p>Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #3, tacking the top end of the ribbon to the project and the snap placement.</p>	
<p>4A</p>	<p>Remove the hoop from the machine placing it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.</p>	
<p>4B</p>	<p>Remove the tape from the ribbon.</p> <p>Fold the ribbon upward at the stitched line located just below the small circle. Lay it flat on top of itself, placing the free end at or above the top of the flap.</p> <p>Make sure the sides of the ribbon are centered between the placement lines.</p> <p>Tape both ends in place as shown in the photo.</p>	
<p>4C</p>	<p>Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #4, stitching the ribbon down both sides and across the bottom. <i>The thread is visible on the finished purse.</i></p>	
<p>5A</p>	<p>Remove the hoop from the machine placing it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.</p>	
<p>5B</p>	<p>Carefully detach the ribbon from the stabilizer by cutting the stabilizer around the circle. <i>Cut as close to the stitching lines as possible. This will make a small hole in the stabilizer where the ribbon was attached. You don't want to make it any larger than necessary.</i></p> <p><i>You may need to turn the hoop over to get to the top edge. Do not cut through the ribbon! Be very careful you do not push too hard and loosen the project in the hoop.</i></p>	
<p>5C</p>	<p>Now that the bottom end of the ribbon is free, fold the ribbon upward at the zigzagged seam. Tape it in place to keep it away from the stitching line. <i>The final seam will be 1/4" inside the current stitching line.</i></p>	

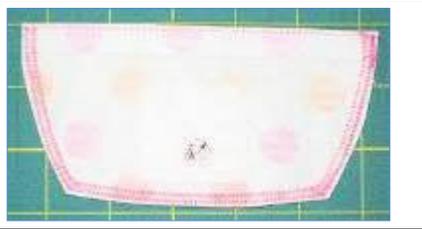
<p>5D</p>	<p>Center the FLAP LINING (J) FACE DOWN over the flap fabric in the hoop, matching the raw edges.</p> <p>Tape/pin in place.</p>	
<p>5E</p>	<p>Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #5, the seam for the flap.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Stitch Color #6, the placement stitching for the pocket.</p>	
<p>7A</p>	<p>Remove the hoop from the machine placing it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.</p>	
<p>7B</p>	<p>Fold POCKET (B) in half, RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER, so it measures 8 x 7" (8.75 x 7.25")</p> <p>Press the fold to crease it.</p>	
<p>7C</p>	<p>Place the folded POCKET (B) over the placement stitching, with the fold along the top stitching line. <i>You may use a light coating of washable glue stick on the stabilizer to hold the fabric in place.</i></p> <p>The two sides and the bottom should extend beyond the stitching lines approximately 1/2" on each edge.</p>	
<p>7D</p>	<p>Unfold the pocket so the right side of the fabric is visible.</p> <p>The top half of the pocket will extend up over the flap. Do not trim the extra fabric. It will become the pocket lining.</p> <p>Tape/pin the lower half in place.</p>	

7E	Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #7 , tacking down the pocket.	
8	Stitch Color #8 , the optional quilting.	
9	Stitch Color #9 , the stitching the faux topstitching at the top of the pocket and the snap placement.	
10	Remove the hoop from the machine. Remove the project from the hoop. Remove tape/pins.	
11	Turn the project over so you can see the stabilizer. Cut the flap away from the pocket, taking care not to cut the pocket fabric.	
12	Trim all layers close to outer stitching on the three seamed edges of the flap. Press to set seam. <i>If you used faux leather or pleather, use a pressing cloth to protect it. You don't want it to melt now!</i>	
13	Turn right side out and press again. Lay aside.	
14	Carefully trim the excess stabilizer from around the outer edges of the POCKET . Do NOT trim any fabric at this time. Carefully trim away the excess stabilizer only from above the stitching line at the top of the pocket ON THE STABILIZER (<i>not the faux top stitching</i>). <i>You can cut right on the stitching. Line.</i>	
15	Fold the pocket WRONG SIDES TOGETHER , folding on the cut edge of the stabilizer. The faux stitching falls about 3/8" below the folded edge. Press.	
16	Slide the POCKET STIFFENER (C) inside the pocket. <i>This gives an extra layer to support the snap.</i>	
17	Apply a KamSnap to the ribbon over the circle. The CAP goes on the front. The STUD goes on the back.	

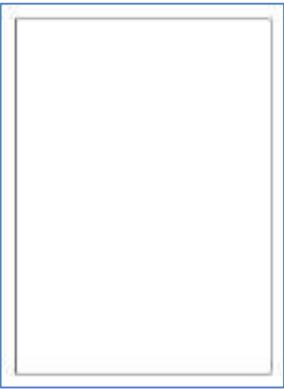
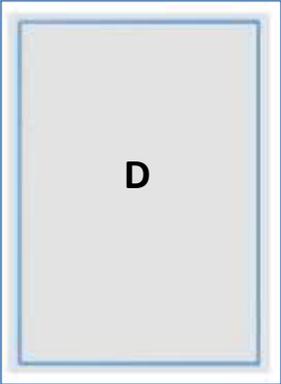
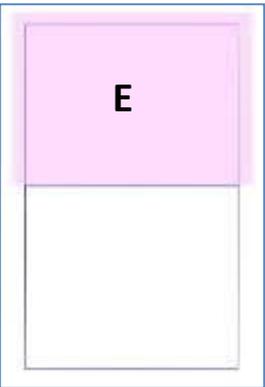
18	<p>Apply the snap to the pocket.</p> <p>If you want the KamSnap visible on the back, apply through all layers - the CAP on the back side of the pocket, and the STUD on the front side.</p> <p>If you don't want the KamSnap visible on the back, apply through the front and the pocket stiffener. Place the CAP on the inside of the pocket and the SOCKET on the front. <i>This is also how you would apply a magnetic snap.</i></p>
19	<p>Lay both pieces aside. Continue with instructions for 3 FRONT on page 14.</p> 

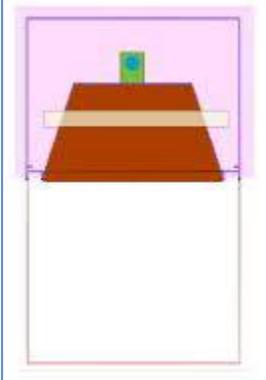
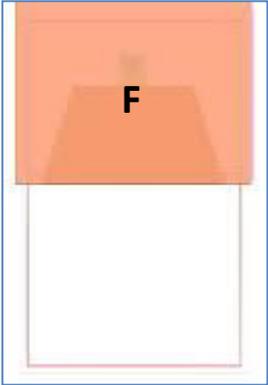
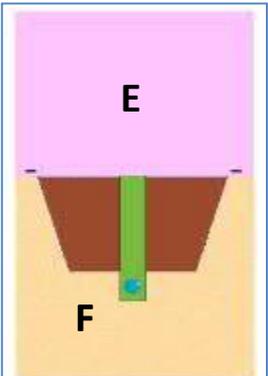
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1	<p>Place the hoop on the machine. Stitch Color #1, the placement outlines for the flap and snap.</p> 						
2A	Remove the hoop from the machine placing it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.						
2B	<p>Center the FLAP (L or N) FACE UP over the placement stitching. <i>This is the piece that will show on the outside of the purse when the flap is closed.</i></p> <p>Tape/pin in place.</p> 						

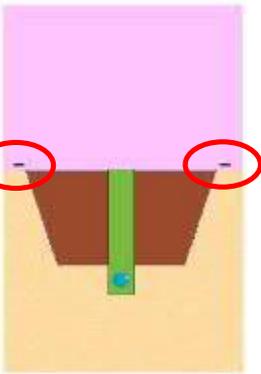
2C	Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #2 , tacking the fabric to the stabilizer.
3	Stitch Color #3 , the faux topstitching.
4A	Remove the hoop from the machine placing it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.
4B	<p>Center the FLAP LINING (M or O) FACE DOWN over the flap fabric in the hoop, matching the raw edges.</p> <p>Tape/pin in place.</p> 
4C	Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #4 , the seam for the flap.
5	Stitch Color #5 , the placement stitching for the pocket and snap.
6A	Remove the hoop from the machine placing it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.
6B	<p>Fold POCKET (B) in half, RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER, so it measures 8 x 7" (8.75 x 7.25")</p> <p>Press the fold to crease it.</p> 
6C	<p>Place the folded POCKET (E) over the placement stitching, with the fold along the top stitching line. <i>You may use a light coating of washable glue stick on the stabilizer to hold the fabric in place.</i></p> <p>The two sides and the bottom should extend beyond the stitching lines approximately 1/2" on each edge.</p> 

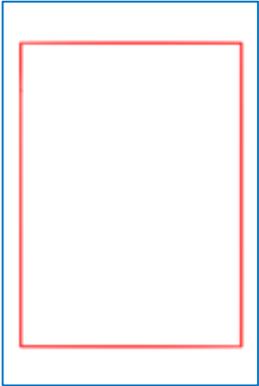
<p>6D</p>	<p>Unfold the pocket so the right side of the fabric is visible.</p> <p>The top half of the pocket will extend up over the flap. Do not trim the extra fabric. It will become the pocket lining.</p> <p>Tape/pin the lower half in place.</p>	 <p>Right side</p>
<p>6E</p>	<p>Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #6, tacking down the pocket.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Stitch Color #7, the optional quilting.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Stitch Color #8, the stitching the faux topstitching at the top of the pocket.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Remove the hoop from the machine. Remove the project from the hoop. Remove tape/pins.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Turn the project over so you can see the stabilizer. Cut the flap away from the pocket, taking care not to cut the pocket fabric.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Trim all layers close to outer stitching on the three seamed edges of the flap.</p> <p>Press to set seam. <i>If you used faux leather or pleather, use a pressing cloth to protect it. You don't want it to melt now!</i></p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>Turn right side out and press again.</p> <p>Lay aside.</p>	
<p>13</p>	<p>Transfer the snap marking to the front of the flap. Apply the snap. The CAP goes on the front side of the flap, and the STUD on the back side.</p>	
<p>14</p>	<p>Lay flap aside.</p>	
<p>15</p>	<p>Carefully trim the excess stabilizer from around the outer edges of the POCKET. Do NOT trim any fabric at this time.</p> <p>Carefully trim away the excess stabilizer only from above the stitching line at the top of the pocket ON THE STABILIZER (<i>not the faux top stitching</i>). <i>You can cut right on the stitching. Line.</i></p>	
<p>16</p>	<p>Fold the pocket WRONG SIDES TOGETHER, folding on the cut edge of the stabilizer. The faux stitching falls about 3/8" below the folded edge.</p> <p>Press.</p>	

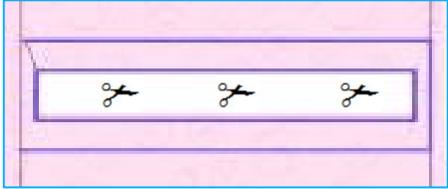
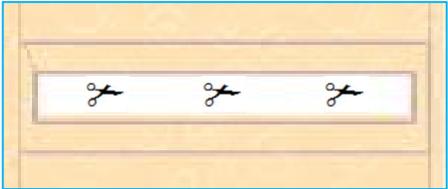
17	Slide the POCKET STIFFENER (F) inside the pocket. <i>This gives an extra layer to support the snap.</i>
18	<p>Transfer the snap marking to the front of the pocket. Apply the snap.</p> <p>If you want the KamSnap visible on the back, apply through all layers - the CAP on the back side of the pocket, and the STUD on the front side.</p> <p>If you don't want the KamSnap visible on the back, apply through the front and the pocket stiffener. Place the CAP on the inside of the pocket and the SOCKET on the front. <i>This is also how you would apply a magnetic snap.</i></p>
19	Lay aside. Continue with instructions for 3 FRONT , page 14.

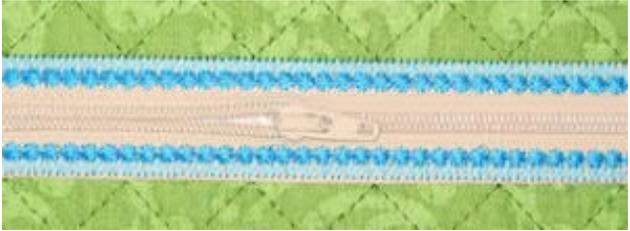
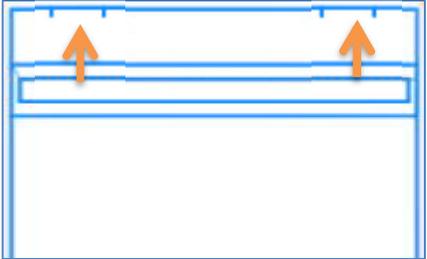
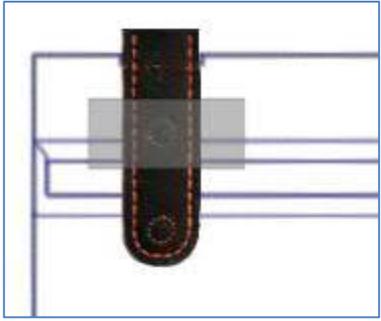
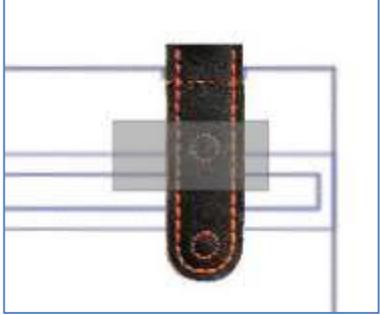
3 Front		
	Hoop 2 oz. cutaway stabilizer. Load the appropriate file into your machine.	
	SM – 2Varsity3A_FRNT	LG – 2Varsity3B_FRNT
1	Place the hoop on the machine. Stitch Color #1 , the placement outline.	
2A	Remove the hoop from the machine. Place it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.	
2B	Place FRONT BATTING (D) over the placement lines, covering all stitching. <i>If using fusible batting, place the fusible side FACE UP.</i> Tape/pin edges in place.	
2C	Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #2 , tacking the front to the stabilizer/batting.	
3A	Remove the hoop from the machine placing it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.	
3B	Place the FRONT TOP (E) FACE UP over the placement lines for the top half. One long edge goes against the stitched line running across the middle of the purse. The other 3 edges will extend beyond the placement stitches about ¼ – ½". Tape/pin edges in place.	
3C	Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #3 , tacking the front to the stabilizer/batting and marking placement for the flap and pocket.	

4A	Remove the hoop from the machine placing it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.
4B	<p>Locate the two markings for the flap at the bottom of the front top.</p> 
4C	<p>Center the prepared FLAP FACE DOWN, UPSIDE DOWN between the two markings. Match the stitching line on the wide end of the flap with the stitched line across the bottom of the front top.</p> <p>Tape in place.</p> 
4D	<p>Place the FRONT BOTTOM (F) WRONG SIDE UP over the TOP/FLAP.</p> <p>One long edge and the two short edges match the bottom and side edges on the FRONT TOP. The top edge will extend beyond the placement lines by more than an inch.</p> <p><i>If the fabric has a one way design, the print should be upside down.</i></p> <p>Tape/pin the side edges in place.</p> 
4E	Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #4 , stitching the seam line across the front.
5A	Remove the hoop from the machine placing it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface. Remove tape/pins.
5B	<p>Fold the FRONT BOTTOM down over the placement lines on the bottom half of the front. Fold the flap down on top of the bottom.</p> <p>Press the seam with a small craft iron. <i>If the flap is made of faux leather or vinyl, use a pressing cloth. You can also press the front and bottom onto the fusible fleece batting.</i></p> <p>Tape/pin lower edges in place.</p> 
5C	Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #5 , stitching the bottom to the stabilizer/batting.
6	Stitch Color #6 , the <i>optional</i> quilting pattern.

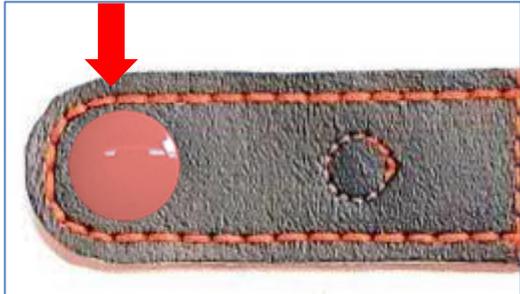
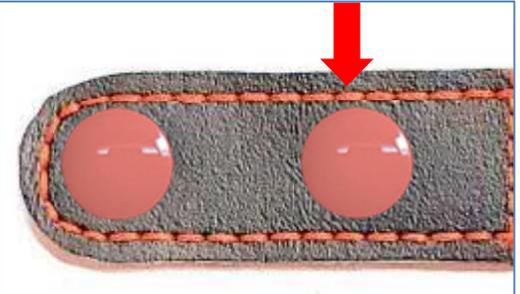
7A	Remove the hoop from the machine placing it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface. Remove tape/pins.	
7B	Locate the alignment markings for the pocket near the bottom of the front top.	
7C	Place the prepared POCKET FACE UP over the bottom half (<i>the snap socket is on the front of the pocket</i>). Line the folded edge (top of pocket) up with the two alignment marks. Tape/pin edges in place.	
7D	Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #7 , tacking the pocket in place.	
8	Remove the hoop from the machine. Remove the project from the hoop. Remove tape/pins.	
9	Cut away excess fabric and stabilizer from outside the rectangular stitching, leaving approximately ½" extra fabric on all sides.	
10	Lay the front to one side and continue with 4 Back on page 17.	

4 Back			
	<p>Hoop 2 oz. cutaway stabilizer. Do NOT use polymesh or tearaway. Load the appropriate BACK file. In custom stitches, the name of the stitch replaces the word BACK in the file name.</p> <p>1Varsity3B</p>		
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1	<p>Place the hoop on the machine. Stitch Color #1, the placement outline.</p> 		
2A	<p>Remove the hoop from the machine turning it over to the BACK. Place it on a flat surface.</p>		
2B	<p>Center one LINING (G) FACE UP over the placement stitches.</p> <p>Tape/pin securely in place.</p> 		
2C	<p>Turn the hoop over to the FRONT and place it on a flat surface.</p>		
2D	<p>Center BACK (H) FACE UP over the placement stitching.</p> <p>Tape/pin edges in place.</p> 		
2E	<p>Return the hoop to the machine. Make sure that the lining is still lying smooth underneath the hoop. Stitch Color #2, tacking the back and lining to the stabilizer. It also stitches the placement lines for the zipper.</p>		
3	<p>Stitch Color #3, the <i>optional</i> quilting pattern.</p>		

4A	Remove the hoop from the machine placing it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.
4B	<p>Carefully trim away the fabric inside the smaller rectangle in the zipper placement area.</p> <p><i>Do NOT trim into the stabilizer. You need it in there to help keep the zipper from shifting as it is stitched.</i></p> 
4C	Turn the hoop over to the wrong side and place it on a flat surface.
4D	<p>Carefully trim away the lining fabric from inside the smaller rectangle inside the zipper placement stitching.</p> <p><i>Do NOT trim into the stabilizer. You need it in there to help keep the zipper from shifting as it is stitched.</i></p> 
4E	Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #4 , the zigzag stitching over the cut edges in the zipper area.
5A	Remove the hoop from the machine placing it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.
5B	<p>Place the zipper FACE UP, over the trimmed opening, centering the long edges between the outer placement stitching lines. <i>Not all zippers are the same width. It is up to you to get it centered and straight.</i></p>  <p>You may place the tab at either end. <i>My preference is the top (vertical hoop) or left (horizontal hoop).</i> Place the tab and the metal stop at the end of the zipper well outside the stitching lines so the foot and needle will not hit them.</p> <p>Use strips of transpore or scotch tape to hold the zipper in place along both long sides, catching just the edge. <i>You may use Dritz Wonder Tape on the back of the zipper instead if you prefer.</i></p> <p>Tape down the zipper pull tab so it points away from the purse.</p>
5C	<p>Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #5, the decorative stitching on the zipper.</p> <p>Stop the machine at the end of the straight stitching, just as it starts to do the fancy stitch. Remove all the tape. Then continue stitching the fancy stitch.</p>
6A	Remove the hoop from the machine placing it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.

<p>6B</p>	<p>OPEN THE ZIPPER HALFWAY! DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP!</p> <p>Take a sharp pair of scissors and poke a small hole through the stabilizer showing in the zipper opening. This will make it easier to trim the backing away later</p>	
<p>6C</p>	<p>Note the short lines coming in from the top (left) edge – arrows in the example. These are the alignment lines for the strap loops. .</p>	
<p>6D</p>	<p>Place one of the LOOPS FACE DOWN, centered between the small alignment marks at the top left of the Back.</p> <p>The top seam line on the purse should be about halfway between the end of the loop and the stitching line on the loop.</p> <p>Tape in place with transpore tape, keeping it out of the seam line (1/4" INSIDE the current sewing line). Tape in place at raw edges, keeping tape away from the stitching line.</p>	
<p>6E</p>	<p>Place the second LOOP FACE DOWN, centered between the small alignment marks at the top right of the BACK.</p> <p>The top seam line on the purse should be about halfway between the end of the tab and the stitching line on the tab.</p> <p>Tape in place with transpore tape, keeping it out of the seam line (1/4" INSIDE the current sewing line).</p>	
<p>6F</p>	<p>Check that the zipper is open halfway. Center the prepared FRONT FACE DOWN over the BACK.</p> <p>Match the 4 corners on both pieces as closely as possible. Tape/pin securely on all four edges <i>keeping the tape/pins away from the stitching lines</i>.</p> <p><i>Want to see how I match the pieces up perfectly? Visit my blog at http://tinyurl.com/PW-PutTogether</i></p>	

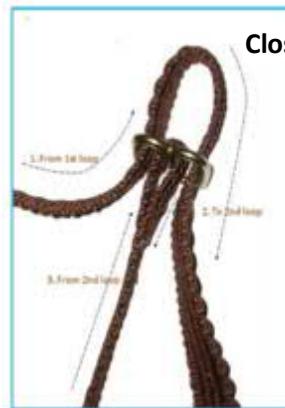
<p>6G</p>	<p>Place the remaining LINING (H) FACE UP over the project in the hoop, covering the outer stitching lines.</p> <p>Tape/pin securely on all four edges <i>keeping the tape/pins away from the stitching lines.</i></p> <p>Did I mention to double check that the zipper is open halfway?</p>	
<p>6H</p>	<p>Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #6. <i>I usually match the thread to the outside fabric, not the lining so it isn't seen on the edges once the bag is turned right side out.</i></p>	
<p>6I</p>	<p>It will go around once with a basting stitch. You can stop the machine if necessary and easily remove this round of stitches if you get a pucker or the fabric shifts.</p> <p>The second and third rounds of stitching are a regular length sewing stitch.</p> <p><i>If you need to go back during the sew-out, remove the hoop, and return to the START of the color stop. Return the hoop to the machine and then advance the needle to the position where you wish to start. You do NOT want the foot passing over the center of the project at any time – it is too thick and will stop the foot as it tries to cross. Adjust these instructions per your machine's behavior</i></p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>DO NOT STITCH COLOR #7. It is there to keep the foot from returning to the center of the embroidery.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Remove the hoop from the machine. Remove the project from the hoop. Remove tape/pins.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>One last time, check that the zipper is open halfway. It is too late to fix it after you trim! If you forgot to open it, carefully open the seam; push the zipper pull through to the inside, then stitch the case shut on your regular sewing machine.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Trim away all excess fabric and stabilizer trimming as close you can to the zigzag stitching without cutting thru it. Cut right thru the zipper but don't use your best shears!</p> <p>Take this slowly. You may need to do it in several layers. The narrower your seam allowance, the better your curved seams will look without having to clip them.</p> <p>I try not to cut the ends off of the strap loops. I like to leave them a little longer to help prevent them from unraveling.</p>	

11	<p>Trim away the excess stabilizer from the back of the zipper, starting in the slit you cut in the stabilizer earlier. Be very careful not to cut the zipper tape and don't snip any of the decorative stitches. Tip: Find the zipper tab and push the point of your scissors or a seam ripper in at that point. It will protect your zipper tape from an accidental slit.</p>	
12	<p>Steam press the stitching lines to set the seam. Use a pressing cloth if necessary to protect the fabric and zipper.</p>	
13	<p>Open the zipper the whole way. Tip: If the zipper won't move, reach in and flip the tab upward. The zipper is locked when the tab is pointed down. It sometimes helps to push the zipper closed a bit and then push it open.</p>	
14	<p>Turn the purse thru the opening in the zipper. Use a point turner to help turn the purse and push the edges of the seams outward.</p>	
15	<p>Steam press the purse being very careful not to melt the zipper (or flap if using faux leather). Use a pressing cloth to protect the fabric and zippers.</p>	
16A	<p>Apply a KamSnap over the placement circle in the curved end of one strap loop. The CAP goes on the FRONT. The STUD goes on the BACK.</p>	
16B	<p>Apply a KamSnap over the 2nd circle in the center of the strap loop. The CAP goes on the Front and the SOCKET goes on the BACK.</p>	
16C	<p>Repeat for other loop.</p>	
16D	<p>Insert the tab into a metal ring and snap closed.</p>	

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Finish the cut ends of your strap using your favorite method. Loop the cut ends through the rings on two gate clips, and sew the loop shut across the cut end. Don't forget to add a slider to one side if you want to make your strap adjustable.

Clip the gate clips to the metal rings on the purse.



Close-up of slider