

July 4th Clutch

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Looking for a fun way to show off your patriotic side this 4th of July? Make a new bag! Using a few fabrics, some quilting and adding a zipper, you'll have a new bag in just a few hours!

Skill Level: Intermediate

Sewing Time: 3

Janome Supplies Required:

- Any Janome Sewing machine
- Red Tip Needle
- Janome Bobbin

Supplies + Fabric Required:

- 1 Fat Quarter (FQ) each in Red, White, and Blue fabric (large scraps may work too!)
- 1 FQ Lining Fabric
- 1 Zipper: Bag A needs a 9" zipper * Bag B needs a 7" zipper
- Lightweight fusible interfacing
- Ruler
- Marking Tool

Cutting Instructions

Bag A:

Blue fabric: 5.5" x 4.5"

Red Fabric and White Fabric: (2 x) 1.5" x 6.5" (2 x) 1.5" x 11.5"

Zipper Tabs (red, white or blue fabric): (2x) 1.5" x 2"

Bag Back: 11" x 8.75"

Lining: (2x) 11" x 8.75"

Bag B:

Blue Fabric: 4.5" x 2.75"

Red Fabric: (2x) 1" x 5" (3x) 1" x 9.5"

White Fabric: (2x) 1" x 5" (2x) 1" x 9.5"

Zipper Tabs (Red, White or Blue): 1.5" x 2"

Strap: 1.5" x 14.5"

Bag Back: 9" x 5.5"

Lining: (2x) 9" x 5.5"

Bag A: Clutch



Bag B: Wristlet



Making the Bag

Notes:

-Construction for these bags are very similar. Each instruction will be for both unless otherwise noted.

-All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless otherwise noted.

-Attach lightweight interfacing to wrong side of each piece of fabric.

Step 1-Start Stitching

Start stitching your red and white strips together.



Start with the shorter pieces, in this order: red, white, red, white.



Attach shorter edge of blue rectangle to side of sewn strips.



This becomes the top of your bag. Next, sew the longer strips together starting with red and alternating colors. Once the longer sets of strips are completed, sew the top of your bag, making sure blue rectangle is on left side.



You may need to trim edges to make bag front even. Front on clutch bag will become 8.75" x 11" and wristlet will become 8.75" x 5.5"



Step 2 - Make Zipper Tabs

Fold and press one short edge of zipper tab fabric under.



Making the Bag cont.

Top stitch to end of zipper and repeat with the other side.



Trim excess fabric to match zipper ends.



Step 3 - Add Zipper to Bag

Next, sew the zipper to the fabric with a 1/4" seam allowance.



Sew together in this order: on the bottom, bag front, right side up, zipper wrong side up, and lining wrong side up.



Once they are sewn together, top stitch the zipper.



Repeat the steps for the other side.



Making the Bag cont.

At this point, you may need to trim sides of bag to match length of zipper.



Mark fabric and trim to even bag out.



Bag B: Make your wristlet strap. Fold strap piece lengthwise, right sides together and sew, leaving ends open.



Turn right side out, press and topstitch around strap.



Unzip the zipper $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way open. Pin your pieces together- right side of lining pieces together, right side exterior pieces together. You can push the zipper tabs towards the lining.



Step 4 - Add Strap to Bag B

(Ignore this step if making Bag A and continue with Step 5.) To add wristlet strap on Bag B, measure down 1" from zipper on side of bag. With your strap folded with two raw edges together, insert folded strap in-between right sides of bag. Leave a small tail outside.



Finishing Up

Step 5:

Sew all around the exterior with a 1/4" seam allowance leaving a 3" opening on the bottom of the lining. Bag B: Backstitch area of bag where you entered strap for more support, and trim tail.



Turn our bag right side out and push corners out.



Stitch the opening in your lining shut and push lining back into your bag.



You are now ready to show off your new bag at the BBQ or Fireworks Show! Happy 4th!