

The Ellipse Bag

Teacher's Notes

This bag can be taught in three sessions of about 3 to 3 ½ hours each. If you have trouble finding the correct hardware please call me or email.

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Class One:

The class will cut out their purse in this session and work through the pattern to step 5 on page 3.

Homework: Sew together and press the bias binding. (see step 19 and 20 on pages 7 and 8)

Student Tip: When sewing the rings to the strap you are dealing with a short bulky seam. Have the students place several folded layers of scrap fabric at the back of their presser foot to brace the foot as they stitch across. See step 5 page 3. This keeps the presser foot from having to sew 'uphill'. Another good way to tackle this seam is to start sewing in the middle and stitch out to both edges of the strap.

Class Two:

Work through the pattern to step 9 on page 6.

Tip: use the free arm when sewing step 4 on page 4.

Class Three:

Work through the remainder of the pattern.

Tip: In step 12 on page 7, turn the bag WS out before pressing the Steam-A-Seam in place.

Things to bring to class:

Large rulers (20 ½" square ruler is perfect) or have the students bring their largest grid cutting mat.

Masking Tape to label the pattern pieces

Removable marking tools.

A small square rotary ruler to mark 2 " squares.

Use the battings and interfacing called for to achieve great results.