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*The Magic
in the Middle*

The Essential Clutch

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Skill Level: Intermediate

Travel light and carry just what you need on a night out. Pop in your wallet, keys and phone and you're ready to show off this handmade, hard-sided clutch. No sewing required. Make your own unique hard-sided clutch using your materials found at the craft and hardware store.



Materials Needed

- 1/2 yard Fashion Fabric at least 38" Wide. (We recommend silk dupioni or bengaline.)
- 1/3 yard Lining Fabric (Example shown uses microsuede.)
- 1 yard 70 Pellon[®] Peltex[®] Ultra-Firm Sew-in
- 1 1/2 yards 805 Wonder-Under[®]
- 1/8 yard 950F Shir-Tailor[®]
- 3/4 yard 810 Tru-Grid[™]
- 1/4 yard Legacy[™] by Pellon Dark Blend quilt batting (Tip: Use light blend for lighter fabrics)
- Fabric Glue
- Closure for the bag (such as a magnetic clasp)
- Contact Cement

Tools Needed

- Iron
- Clothespins or binder clips
- Press cloth
- Exacto knife (if using magnetic clasp)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Small brush (for contact cement)
- Marker

Instructions

1. Trace out the pieces on the 70 Pellon® Peltex® Ultra Firm Stabilizer . Label pieces accordingly to help you assemble the bag properly:

- A) Exterior Box Back - 2 pieces
- B) Exterior Box Front - 2 pieces
- C) Interior Box Back - 2 pieces
- D) Interior Box Front - 2 pieces
- E) Exterior Flap - 2 pieces
- F) Interior Flap - 2 pieces

NOTE: trimming a small amount from the interior pieces will help produce a professional result in the final assembly. This 1/8" margin on either side will allow easier alignment when assembling the final pieces.

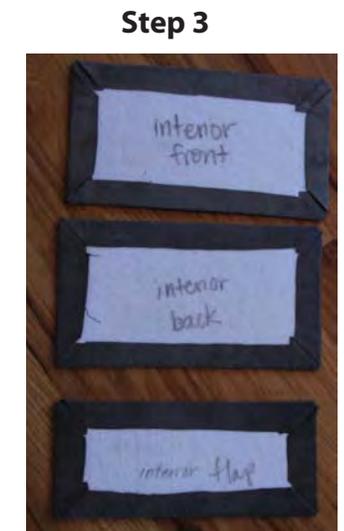
2. Lay the Peltex® over the Wonder-Under® and trace the pieces. Cut out. Since you are joining 12 pieces of Peltex®, you will only need 6 pieces of Wonder-Under® in between. Trace 1 piece of Wonder-Under® for each pattern piece A-F.

3. Using a hot iron and press cloth, following the product instructions, align the pieces carefully and fuse each of the Peltex® pieces to its partner with Wonder-Under® in between. Fuse with your labels showing on the outside. You will end up with 6 boards.



4. Cut the lining fabric:

- G - Interior flap lining - 1 piece
- H - Interior box boards lining - 2 pieces



The fabric should be 1" larger on all sides than the boards. Fuse Wonder-Under® to wrong side of fabric. Miter the corners by first fusing the corner only with the tip of your iron.

TIP: When mitering corners, first place a piece of damp muslin on your work surface. Then lay down the interior lining, then place the board on top. Fold the muslin over the entire corner to iron down the corner. Then use the muslin to help you fold down the entire edge for a nice clean line when ironing down the edge. Do all of the edges to fuse the Wonder-Under® in place, then iron the interior of the board.

Tip



Step 4



Create the Pleated Strip

5. Cut pattern piece I from the exterior fashion fabric. It should be 38 inches long and 3 inches wide. If using your own dimensions, then use this formula: $(\text{Bag Side} + \text{Bag Bottom} + \text{Bag Side} - 1/2 \text{ inch}) \times 2$
6. Cut a strip of Wonder-Under® that is the same width but HALF as long as Pattern Piece J. Place this strip in the center of the the fabric strip J and fuse to fabric. Remove backing and fold over the ends of the fabric to meet in the center and fuse the fabric. You will create a raw join in the center of the strip.
7. Fold the strip in half lengthwise with the raw edge join on top, and press with the iron. Then fold each long edge up 1/2" and press.
8. Match the pleated strip and interior box centers, then fold the strip ends toward the center of the board. The strip forms the bottom of your clutch. Press these cross folds. Now create the angled corners. Turn the ends up to create 45 degree angled elbows. Fold backwards along the same line so that the strip can fold in either direction.
9. Now comes the slightly tricky part of creating the angled corners and folding the pleat. Hold the pleat in your both hands with the short end pointing up. Using your thumbs, push the bottom pleat up into the vertical part of the pleat. If this seems tricky, test out the folding process with a strip of paper first. The concept will be much clearer than trying first with the fabric.

Use a binder clip or clothespin to hold this corner fold in place while you do the other side.

Step 9



10. The pleated strip should come up a little short on each side of the bag so it does not show after final construction. To prepare for gluing, open up the side seam allowance on the vertical part of the strip, and refold over the bottom so that it's less bulky on the corner. Leave the bottom seam allowance folded.

Assemble the Interior

11. Glue the interior, lined side boards to the pleated strip. With the wrong side of the board facing out, slide it into the sides and bottom folds. The pleated strip should be about 1/4" short on each side so that the edge does not show when the clutch is finally assembled. Repeat for the other side. Use binder clips or clothespins to hold in place while glue dries

Step 11



Covering the Exterior

12. Cut batting pieces the same size as the exterior front, back and flap boards (pattern pieces A, B, F). Attach with small dots of glue to the exterior front, back and flap boards.

13. Plan and cut the fashion fabric (K) for the exterior back and flap as one piece. Leave a 1 inch bridge in the middle, and 1 inch seam allowances on all edges. If using a patterned fabric, think about where you want the pattern to fall on the flap and back before cutting.

14. Cut a piece of ShirTailor® fusible interfacing (L) 3" wide and 1 inch shorter than the width of the bag. Fuse to the bag on the bridge area between the exterior back and the exterior flap. This is to prevent the adhesive from bleeding through onto the outside of the bag.

15. Place the exterior boards onto the exterior fashion fabric, and glue down the edges, leaving space for the 1" bridge. Weight or use clothes pins or binder clips to hold in place while the glue dries.

Step 15



16. Cut the fashion fabric (M) for the exterior box front board. Glue the edges and hold in place while the glue dries.

Create the Bridge Lining

17. Cut a strip of exterior fashion fabric (N) that is 3" wide and the same length as the bag's width.

18. Cut a piece of ShirTailor® fusible interfacing (O) of 3" wide and 1 inch shorter than the width of the bag. Fuse the interfacing onto the center of the strip. Fabric should extend past the interfacing on both ends. Press the edges in, and glue them down.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING STEPS OUTDOORS OR WITH ADEQUATE VENTILATION. CONTACT CEMENT IS DANGEROUS, READ PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING.

19. Apply contact cement to the bridge lining's wrong side, and the bridge area of the bag. The contact cement will go onto both the boards and the lining of the bag. Apply up to about 1/4" from the edges. Wait for the cement to dry on both pieces, then place the two interfaced sides together and press together with your fingers.

Step 19



Construct the Bag- You're Almost Done!

20. Coat the wrong side of the exterior box back and one side of the interior box unit with contact cement. Let dry, then carefully align interior box unit with the exterior back board. Press down firmly to adhere. Make sure that the interior box opening is along the bridge so your clutch opens the right way!

21. If using a magnetic clasp, now is the time to attach it BEFORE you glue the boards together. Identify where you want to place the clasp. Using the back piece as a guide, punch holes with the Exacto knife and insert the clasp on the exterior box front board and the interior flap board.

22. Apply contact cement to the wrong sides of the exterior box front and the interior flap. Let contact cement dry. Align carefully (keep the clasp in mind!), press firmly and let dry.

Enjoy your new clutch!

Step 21



Step 22



A) Exterior Box Back
B) Exterior Box Front
5" x 9.5"

C) Interior Box Back
D) Interior Box Front
5" x 9.25"

E) Exterior Flap Board
4" x 9.5"

F) Interior Flap Board
4" x 9.25"

N) Bridge Lining (Fashion Fabric)
3" x 9.5"

J) Transfer Web for Pleated Strip
3" x 19"

L & O Bridge (ShirTailor)
3" x 9.5"

F) Interior Flap Lining Fabric
6" x 11.5"

H) Interior Box Lining Fabric
7" x 11.5"
M) Exterior Front Fashion Fabric
7" x 11.5"

K) Exterior Flap and Box Back
Fashion Fabric
11.5" x 12"

I) Pleated Strip
Fashion Fabric 3" x 38"