

SUPER SIMPLE SUMMER PURSE

Designed and created especially for Pfaff

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A whole wardrobe of summer purses is just a step away from the linen department of your favorite department store. Layers of ribbon make the perfect handle for your one-of-a-kind placemat purses!

Supplies You'll Need:

- Pfaff creative embroidery machine
- Pfaff creative cd 337 Timeless Creations, design 8
- 1 – 12" x 18" prefinished placemat – a heavyweight woven is just perfect
- Rayon embroidery threads
- Regular sewing thread to match fabric
- Various ribbons and braids to make handle (cut lengths that will fit comfortably over your shoulder to the top edges of the bag)
- Snap or Velcro for purse closure
- Tear-away stabilizer

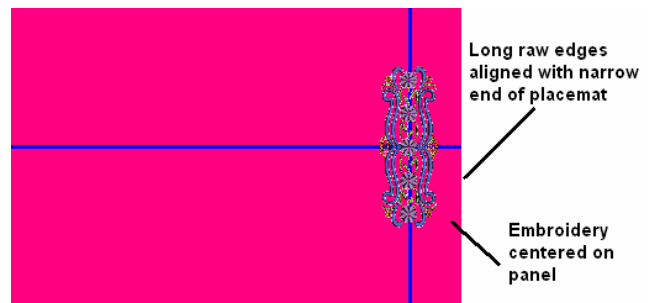


Let's Get Started:

1. Download your design to your Pfaff creative embroidery machine.

NOTE: If your placemat has fringed (or other type of trim) ends, cut the fringe/trim off of one end and bind the cut end. Leave the fringe/trim on the remaining end.

2. Embroider your design centered on the first 3 ½" of the fringe/trimmed end. This will be the front flap of your purse.



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3. With wrong sides facing, fold up the unembroidered end so it aligns $\frac{1}{2}$ " below the embroidery (4" from end of mat, not including any trim on the edge).

4. Stitch a row of basting $\frac{5}{8}$ " away from and parallel to the folded edge.

5. Fold fabric back in the opposite direction, so the basted $\frac{5}{8}$ " piece is sandwiched between the ends of the placemat (right sides will now be facing).

6. Use a $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam allowance to stitch the narrow ends together. Remove basting. This will form a $\frac{5}{8}$ " tuck along the bottom edge of the purse.

7. Turn right side out and push corners outward to form a flat bottom on your purse.

8. Stitch 2 buttonholes 1" in from the side edges $3\frac{1}{2}$ " from the embroidered end of the mat. Slit the buttonholes open.

9. Cut ribbons and braids to a length that is comfortable to go over your shoulder. Layer the various widths of braids and ribbons and stitch down the center to secure the layers together. This will form the purse strap.

10. Tuck 1" of each end of braid handle through the buttonholes. Topstitch through the handle and purse layers close to the ends of the strap and just along the bottom edge of the buttonhole.

