

Project: Striking Stripes Purse

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Add some pizzazz to your wardrobe with a trendy bright purse composed of a multicolor stripe that stands out against a black-and-white print binding. The fabric-covered button and adjustable strap make the purse both stylish and functional.

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Materials

- $\frac{5}{8}$ yard green dot (lining, bag bottom insert)
- 1 yard multicolor lengthwise stripe (outer bag, strap)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ yard black-and-white print (bag sides, strap tabs, binding)
- $\frac{7}{8}$ yard of 20"-wide lightweight iron-on fusible interfacing
- $\frac{7}{8}$ yard of 20"-wide fusible (on one side only) fleece
- 2— $1\frac{1}{2}$ "-diameter O-rings
- $\frac{1}{2}$ "-diameter magnetic snap closure
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ "-diameter button to cover
- 3×11" piece heavy cardboard or plastic mesh

Finished bag: 12×8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×3"
(excluding strap)

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

Measurements include $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order. Tab Pattern is on page 7.

From green dot, cut:

- 1—13×30" lining rectangle
- 1—7×12" rectangle
- 1—4×18" lining strip

From multicolor stripe (with stripe parallel to long edge and desired motif centered), cut:

- 1—13×30" rectangle
- 1—4×18" lining strip
- 2—3×36" strips
- 1—3" square

From black-and-white print, cut:

- Enough 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide bias strips to total 60" in length for binding
- 4—2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×6" rectangles
- 1—2 $\frac{1}{8}$ ×12" strip
- 1—2 $\frac{1}{8}$ ×8" strip

From fusible interfacing, cut:

- 1—13×30" rectangle
- 1—4×18" strip
- 2—2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×6" rectangles

From fusible fleece, cut:

- 1—13×30" rectangle
- 1—4×18" strip
- 2—1×36" strips

Quilt Bag Body and Sides

1. Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse 13×30" interfacing to wrong side of green dot 13×30" lining rectangle. Fuse 13×30" fusible fleece to wrong side of multicolor stripe 13×30" rectangle.
2. Place fused green dot rectangle atop fused multicolor stripe rectangle with interfacing and fleece sides together; pin or baste.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 using green dot, multicolor stripe, interfacing, and fleece 4×18" strips.
4. Quilt fabric rectangles and strips layered in steps 2 and 3 using a diagonal grid pattern with the stitched lines 2" apart.
5. Centering stripe, trim quilted 13×30" rectangle into a 12×28" rectangle for the bag body (front, back, and flap). Cut quilted 4×18" strip into two 3×8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips; trim strips as shown in **Diagram 1** for bag sides.

Prepare Strap Tabs

1. Fuse a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×6" interfacing rectangle to wrong side of a black-and-white print 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×6" rectangle.

2. Trace Tab Pattern onto interfacing side of Step 1 fused rectangle.
3. Layer marked rectangle and a second black-and-white print 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×6" rectangle with right sides together. Sew on drawn line, leaving narrow end open (**Diagram 2**). Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " outside stitching line. Trim across corners and clip just up to stitching at inner corners. Turn right side out and press to make a tab.
4. Repeat steps 1–3 to make second tab.
5. Referring to **Diagram 3**, position tabs on bag body $\frac{3}{4}$ " from long edges and 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from a short (flap) end. Pin in place.
6. Slip narrow end of a tab through an O-ring. Tuck narrow tab end under wide tab end. Stitch across narrow part of tab above O-ring (**Diagram 4**). In the wide part of the tab, stitch around the edges and make an X to make a strap tab. Repeat to make a second strap tab.

Assemble Bag

1. Referring to **Diagram 5**, bind 2" end of each bag side with black-and-white print 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ ×8" strip. Using black-and-white print 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ ×12" strip, bind the short end of bag body that is farthest from strap tabs.

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2. With lining sides together, place a bag side along a bag body long edge; align bound upper edges (**Diagram 6**). Join long edges, stopping $\frac{1}{4}$ " from bag side short edge. Clip bag body to seam line. Bring bag body up and turn corner; stitch bag body to bottom edge of bag side. Stop $\frac{1}{4}$ " from bag side long edge, bring bag body up and turn corner; stitch bag body to remaining long edge of bag side (**Diagram 7**). The portion of bag body that extends above bag side will become the flap.
 3. Repeat Step 2 to join remaining bag side to remaining long edge of bag body.
 4. To create the flap, mark with pins 1" above bag back at both side edges (**Diagram 8**). Mark 5" from each side edge at free end of flap. Using a pencil and a straight edge, mark lines between pins; cut along marked lines.
 5. Starting with bag front, use black-and-white print $2\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide bias strips to bind all raw edges, mitering binding at corners.
2. Center 1x36" fleece strips on wrong side of strap strip; fuse. Fold raw long edge of strip over fleece. Refold opposite long edge on fold line; pin in place, then press. Referring to **Diagram 9**, stitch through center of strip to make the strap.
 3. Trim strap to desired length. Thread one end of strap through both O-rings. Fold one end of strap under $\frac{1}{2}$ "; fold other end of strap over $\frac{1}{2}$ " (**Diagram 10**). Nest the folded ends to enclose raw edges; pin. Topstitch along both edges.

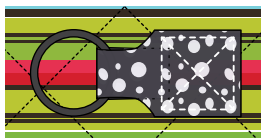
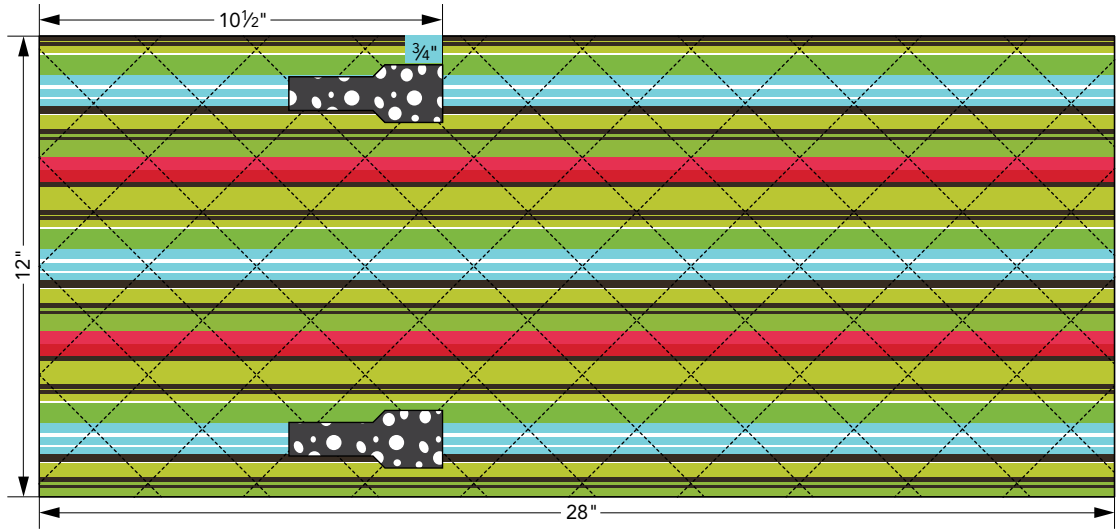
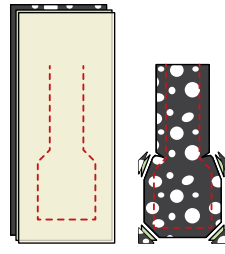
Finish Bag

1. Position and attach magnetic snap closure on bag front and flap at desired location according to the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Following manufacturer's directions, cover button using multicolor stripe 3" square. Sew button in place on right side of flap atop snap position.
3. Fold green dot 7x12" rectangle in half with right side inside to make a $3\frac{1}{2}$ x12" rectangle. Sew along one short end and long edge with a scant $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam (**Diagram 11**). Turn right side out; press. Insert cardboard or plastic mesh 3x11" rectangle. Hand-sew remaining short end closed to make bag bottom insert. Place bag bottom insert into bag to reinforce bag bottom and complete bag.

Assemble and Add Strap

1. Join a pair of short ends of multicolor stripe 3x36" strips to make a strap strip; press seam open. Fold a strap strip long edge under $\frac{1}{4}$ "; press. Fold folded edge under $\frac{1}{2}$ " (**Diagram 9**); press. Open up the last fold.

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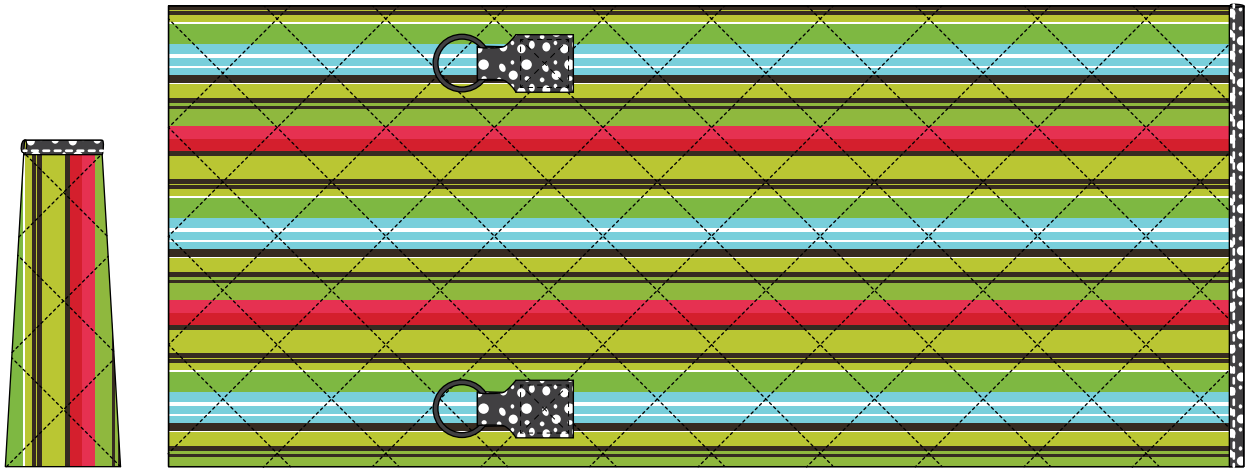


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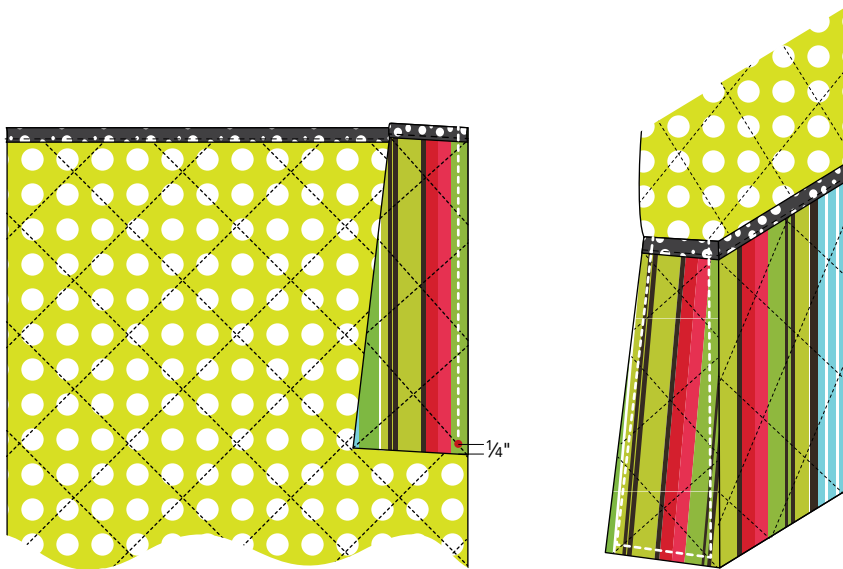


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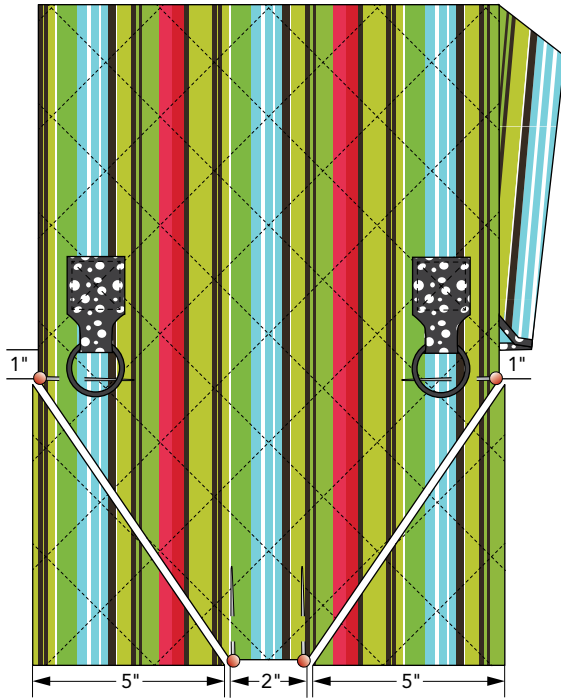


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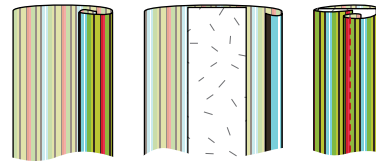


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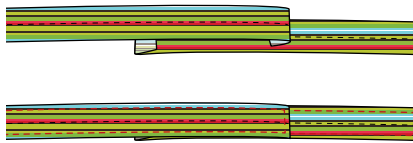


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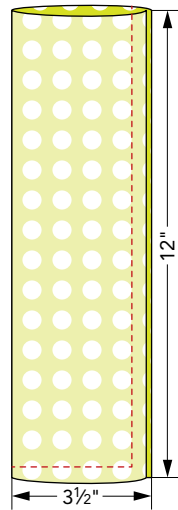
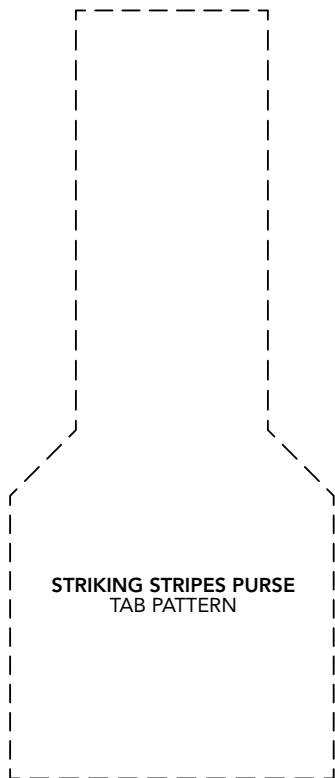


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