

Make a No-thread-change, Only ONE-hooping, Finish-in-less-than-an-hour Party Purse

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For a cute purse that you can use to carry the “bare essentials,” turn this EASY design into a show-stopper.

Note: Make any changes in these designs that you wish. For example, you may prefer stitch your favorite embroidery designs on the back and front, etc.



SUPPLIES NEEDED (suggested sizes are approximate, and additional “common” sewing notions will be used):

ONE 7"x15" scrap of purse fabric, and ONE 10"x20" piece of lining. (These two *may* be the same fabric.)

ONE 5 ½ "x13" piece of batting. If available, use BLACK batting with darker fabrics.

TWO 10"x20" rectangles of HEAVY CUT-AWAY stabilizer.

Your choice of THREAD. Do not use the colors listed in the complimentary design. (They are generic.) The SAME color may be used THROUGHOUT—no thread change is needed. Bobbin and top threads should be the same color.

Complimentary embroidery design: “MegaPurse.ART.”

Additional Items: ONE button, and a purse strap. The latter may vary from fancy purchased chains, to converted bracelets, to heavy duty 60" boot laces, etc. The button may be clear, covered, solid, or decorative.

Bernina Embroidery Machine (for the .ART files) and a mega hoop.

STEPS FOR MAKING YOUR PARTY PURSE:

A. Load the provided design (MegaPurse.ART) into your Bernina. In your mega hoop, tightly hoop the **lining (right side DOWN)** with **two layers of heavy cut-away stabilizer** atop the lining. These three pieces should be adhered with a light spray adhesive (such as 505) between the layers AND on the TOP of the stabilizer. Using a paper copy of the MegaPurse.ART design as a guide, trim a piece of batting so it is slightly smaller than the design itself, then place the batting atop the hooped stabilizer/lining so it will be positioned just INSIDE the design. (This smaller size of the batting prevents its outside edge from “bearding” later, because the batting will be completely INSIDE the design with no “overhang” around the edges.) Your see-through plastic mega hoop template will help you position this batting accurately. Next, use an adhesive spray on the WRONG SIDE of a 7"x15" scrap of your chosen purse fabric, flip it over and place it atop the batting that is already adhered to the stabilizer. (This piece won't be hooped.) Insert the prepared mega hoop into position 1 of your Bernina machine. Now stitch Step 1.

B. Remove the hoop from the machine, BUT DO NOT REMOVE THE FABRIC FROM THE HOOP. Carefully and closely trim away the TOP PURSE fabric (and any batting that might be showing). Cut it as CLOSELY to the stitched outline as you can, taking care not to snip the stitches or the stabilizer. Note that you will be trimming ONLY THE TOP TWO-THIRDS OF THE DESIGN at this time.

C. Return the hoop to the machine and stitch Steps 2 and 3. Between steps 2 and 3, you will be repositioning the mega hoop to position 3. Repeat Step C above—this time with the bottom third of the design.

D. Now stitch Step 4. **SKIP STEP 5**—It's just there to “fool” the machine into getting the accurate positioning. You have now finished the embroidery part of the purse.

E. Remove the hoop from the machine, and remove the fabric from the hoop. CAREFULLY trim away the stabilizer and lining VERY CLOSE to the outside edge WITHOUT snipping any of the satin stitches. This will serve as your outer edge, and if you see any undesired fabric or batting “bearding” on the outer edges of your satin stitches, trim again carefully and/or touch them up with a fabric pen.

F. Fold up the bottom of the purse and straight-stitch the sides (back-stitching at the tops). Add a button, and attach a strap. Voilà! You have finished!! Carry your new purse with pride!