

Origami Folded Fat-Quarter Purse Class

For full color photos and step-by-step directions for this project, please visit:
<http://keepsakecrafts.net/blog/2011/09/26/fat-quarter-origami-folded-purse-tutorial/>

With just two fat quarters and a little bit of time you can easily whip up one of these adorable purses. Join us to learn how to make this terrific project that's great for gift giving or a little special something for yourself.

Materials:

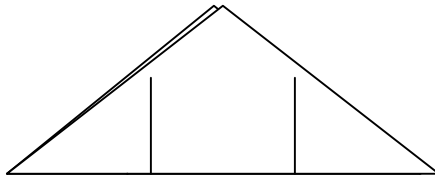
- 2 fat quarters, contrasting or coordinating colors (one is the lining, one is main fabric)
- 18" square lightweight batting
- 2 decorative buttons (or large beads)
- 2 closures (hooks, magnets, Velcro)
- 1 yard cord or ribbon for strap (or 3 yards to make a braid)

Tools:

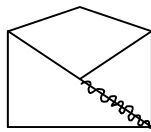
- Scissors, pins, seam ripper, point turner, hand sewing needles, measuring tape, fabric marking pen or chalk
- Thread to match main fabric
- 4" x 1" scrap of fusible web
- Rotary cutter and 6"x24" rotary cutting ruler (optional but helpful)

Directions:

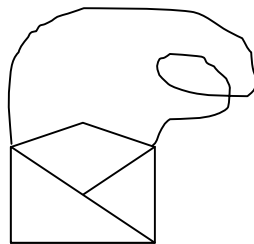
1. Cut each FQ into an 18" square
2. Layer squares, right sides together, top with batting square, pin
3. Stitch around through all 3 layers, using a 1/4" seam, leave an opening to turn
4. Clip corners, turn right side out and press; tuck in scrap of fusible web and fuse opening closed (or slipstitch if preferred)
5. Fold this layered square in 1/2 diagonally, keeping the lining side to the outside
6. Measure in 7" from each side point and draw a 6" long line, perpendicular to the fold



7. Stitch along these two lines, backstitching securely at each end
8. Turn the triangular sections outside the stitching right side out, pull each point towards the opposite stitching line, folding along the stitching line, one will overlap the other
9. Hand stitch the overlapping sections together



10. Stitch the ends of the strap at the top of the seam line on either side



11. Add the closures and decorative buttons or beads

