



You will need:

- Some stitched linen
- Some matching felt for the lining
- A snap hook
- Some beads

Step 1 : getting ready.



A.

Iron your stitched linen, and cut out a piece of felt to the shape & dimensions of the stitched motif.

Allow an extra 1 cm around all the sides of the stitched designs to allow for the seams.

Step 2 : putting the purse together.



B.



C.



D.

Fold the linen along the seams to ease the assembly process (photo B). Start with the end tips of the purse. Do not stitch the long seam that runs from top to bottom of the purse yet. Stitch up the 2 little seams only, on both sides of the purse. (photos C & D)



E.

Do the same for the lining. You can do this quickly and it doesn't have to be perfectly neat as it will all be on the inside of the lining and will not show. Besides, felt doesn't fray.



Step 4 : assembling the purse and its lining.



F.



G.



H.

Tuck the lining purse inside the stitched one (making sure that the excess fabric/felt from the seams is trapped in between the 2 layers). Finish the last seam starting with one of the pointy ends. Stitch it all the way down to the opening of the purse (photo F). Secure your cotton and separate the 2 strands. Each strand is going to be used to stitch one side of the opening (photo G). Here, I used a simple forward stitch to be quicker (once the assembling is finished, this seam will not show). But you could use a fancy stitch if you preferred. When you've stitched both sides of the opening, put both strands together again to finish stitching the purse together. (Photo H)

Step 5 : finishing your pocket.



I.

With matching beads, attach the purse to the snap hook (using nylon thread for added strength), and dress the bottom of the purse.

You can also add a tiny little press stud to the middle of the opening, if you so wish.

*Your secret purse key-ring is finished! Well done!*