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Handbags

27 GORGEOUS PROJECTS

- ## Clutches
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. . . for all skill levels

HANDLES & HARDWARE
The Best Finishing Touches

SCRAP BUSTERS!
Make Every Remnant Count

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Cording foot

SUPPLIES

- 1 yard silk (twill, satin, or charmeuse) or two 24-inch-square, or larger, silk scarves
- 2/3 yard muslin
- 5/8 yard quilting cotton for lining
- 2/3 yard fusible fleece, Pellon no. 987 or Thermolam no. 971
- 36-inch by 45-inch craft-size package extra-loft quilt batting
- 1/2 yard buckram to support bag body and hand strap
- 1/4 yard fusible woven interfacing, or remnant of Pellon SF101 or similar
- Four 3/4-inch (inner diameter) grommets (Etsy.com)
- 6 feet handbag chain (Ghees.com)
- 2 feet jewelry chain
- 3/8-inch or 1/2-inch split ring
- Two 3/8-inch or 1/2-inch swivel clasps
- Two 3/8-inch or 1/2-inch D-rings
- 3 yards 3/8-inch-wide satin or grosgrain ribbon
- 16-inch, or longer, zipper (SewingPlace.com)
- Seam sealant, such as Fray Check
- Walking or roller foot and zipper foot

SELECT INTERFACING AND FUSIBLE WEB

The products you use to fuse the appliqué play an important role in this project's simplicity and success. Here are some tips and specific product recommendations that make this work to best effect.

Interfacing
Use a fusible lightweight knit to interface the lining. It adds body and strength, but it's flexible. For the clutch structure, choose a heavyweight interfacing/stiffener for the clutch sides. Try Timtex or fastZfuse by C&T Publishing, available at CreateForLess.com. Other good choices are Peltex, Fusible Fleece (which is firm but softer than the other products noted), or Décor Bond 809, all by Pellon and available at ShopPellon.com.

Fusible web
Steam-A-Seam 2 by The Warm Company is a great product. It is available at Fabric.com. Other choices include: Therm O Web's HeatnBond, which you can find at ThermOWebOnline.com; Mistyfuse White, available at MistyFuse.com; and Pellon's Wonder-Under, available at JoAnn.com.