

Purse Organizer



A place for everything, and everything in its place.

It's a great theory, but one to which my purse does NOT subscribe. Think about all the time I spend rummaging around, looking for my phone or my credit cards or my keys. That time could be better spent at a fabric store.

This handy purse organizer keeps me and my purse organized, and gets me to the fabric sales on time!



Supplies needed:

- A cluttered bag or purse
- 1/2 yard of fabric
- 1/2 yard of 3/8" wide elastic
- 2 plastic stencil blanks 7" wide by 20" long
- Embroidery Design: [Floral Spray](#)





This is what survived the purging process.



What I really wanted was for all of the things in my purse to be accessible, without having to dig for several minutes and I wanted things to stand up, instead of laying on top of each other. So the first thing I did was empty all of the receipts out of the wallet and actually close it! Then decided what I all needed to keep.

I decided that the organizer should be 20" long by 6" tall.

Then I hooped the fabric with a medium weight tear-away stabilizer and sewed out the embroidery designs. We put 2 of the floral spray designs next to each other, creating a long, narrow design.

After the Embroidery was finished sewing out, I cut out the pieces for the organizer. The front and back are 21" wide by 7" tall. The pocket piece is 1 1/2 times the length, or about 30" long and 4 1/2" deep.



Make a casing for the elastic on one long edge of the pocket piece. Then gather the other long edge until the gathered edge is 21" long.



Insert the elastic into the casing and then stitch the pocket piece to the right side of the unembroidered side piece along one long side.



Now it is time to divide the large pocket. Use the items from your purse to make the pockets the right size. Use a straight stitch and sew about half-way down the height of the pocket. I made several lines of stitching to make it secure.



Now stitch the front and back pieces together on the 3 sides, leaving one short side open.



Trim the stencil plastic to the desired size and slide it into place. I found that it works well to roll the plastic when inserting, then allowing it to spring into place when nearly all the way inserted.



Tuck in the raw edges, stitch the last end closed and fill with your necessities



Success! A place for everything, and everything in its place!



Insert into your bag or purse. I find that I can see and reach everything that I need with ease.

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