

SINGER® Cover Stitched Clutch



This easy-to-make clutch features cover stitching on the flap to attach the ribbon detail. Though the cover stitch most often used for hemming, it can also be used for decorative embellishment. Try it with contrasting thread colors for an even more dramatic effect.



Shopping List:

- 5/8 yard fabric for purse
- 5/8 yard fabric for lining
- 3/4 yard lightweight fusible interfacing
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- 1 1/4 yards 3/8" wide grosgrain ribbon
- 4 spools all-purpose thread to contrast ribbon
- 1 pkg. wash-away basting tape
- 1 spool all-purpose thread to match fabric
- One large sew-on snap
- Hand sewing needle
- Fabric marking pen/pencil
- Ruler

Fabric Preparation:

1. Cut one each from the fabric, lining and the lightweight interfacing:

- Clutch body pieces - 17" long x 15" wide
- Flap pieces - 9" long x 13" wide

Cut from the heavy weight interfacing:

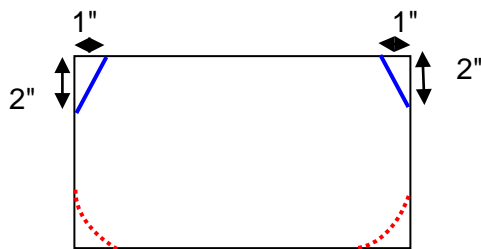
- One piece measuring 16½ x 12"
- One piece measuring 8½" x 12"

2. Apply the interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric for the flap and clutch body, following manufacturer's directions.

3. Round the corners on the lower half of the flap and flap lining. Mark and trim, as shown below:



4. Angle the top corners on the flap and flap lining. Mark and trim, as shown below:



At the Serger – Creating the Cover Stitch Detail:

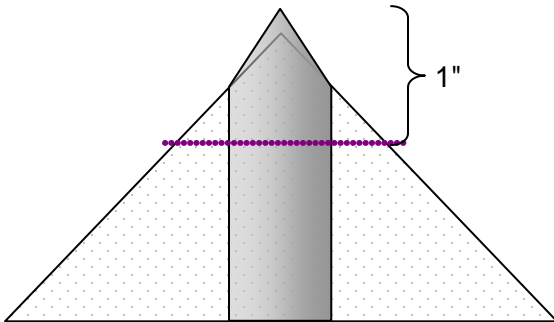
5. Set up the serger for the three-needle cover stitch, following instructions in the machine manual. Use all-purpose thread in the needles and the looper.
6. Cut three 13" long pieces of ribbon. Apply basting tape to wrong side of each ribbon piece.
7. Position ribbons one inch apart on right side of flap with first ribbon placed 2" from bottom edge of clutch flap.

- Secure ribbons in place by stitching a three needle cover stitch over each of the basted ribbons.

HINT: Cover stitching requires fabric to form properly (in other words, you cannot “chain off” as you do when using a 3-thread or 4-thread stitch), therefore, you must start and finish your stitching on fabric. It is helpful to start seam by placing a small scrap fabric just in front of your main fabric. Feed the fabric through the serger. When you come to the end, lift the presser foot and turn the hand-wheel one full turn toward you, and one full turn away to gently unlock the stitch. Pull the fabric to the back of the machine and trim the threads. Trim off the scrap piece, used to start the row, when finished with the row of stitching.

At the Sewing Machine – Clutch Construction:

- With right sides together, fold the clutch body piece in half matching raw edges. Stitch the side seams, from the top edge to the fold.
- To box the corners, fold so that the side seam matches the crease at the bottom of the clutch. Mark 1" from the point. Draw a line across the fabric from fold to fold. Stitch on the drawn line. Trim off the excess from the point, leaving a ¼" seam allowance.



- Repeat Step 10 on the other side of the clutch.
- Baste the heavy weight interfacing to the wrong side of the clutch, ⅜" from the top edges and 1" from each side seam.
- With right sides together, fold the lining piece in half matching raw edges. Stitch the side seams, from top edge to fold, leaving a 5" opening on one side seam.
- Right sides together, place the lining to the clutch bag body, matching side seams and top raw edges. Stitch around the entire top edge using a ½" seam allowance.
- Turn right side out through the opening in the lining. Press.

16. Stitch the opening closed.
17. Topstitch around bag top edge close to seam.
18. Right sides together, stitch a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam 1" down from the top edge of the clutch at the side seams to help shape the bag.
19. Place the flap and flap lining, right sides together. Stitch along the side and bottom edges. Trim the seam, then turn right side out.
20. Insert the heavy weight interfacing into flap opening. Trim the sides and bottom edges of the interfacing, if necessary, to fit shape of flap. Baste the open edge of flap through all layers.
21. Place the right side of the flap to back side of the bag, having raw edge of the flap $\frac{1}{4}$ " down from top edge of the clutch and centering the flap between side seams. Stitch the flap in place $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the raw edge.
22. Turn the flap toward front. Press. Top-stitch the flap $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the seamed edge keeping clutch front free.
23. Hand-sew one side of the snap to the lining side of the flap. Hand-sew the remaining snap to the clutch bag front so it lines up with snap on the flap.

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