

Bourse Finishing Instructions

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What is a Bourse you ask? A Bourse is a small draw string bag for storing needle-work supplies, like tape measure, needles, fiber hiders etc.



You will need fabric scissors, pins, tape measure, sewing machine thread, sharp sewing needle, fuseable medium weight interfacing, contrast fabric, your stitched piece and cording or ribbon.
Too fun! Lets start our instructions!

1). Determine your seam allowance. For our Celtic Bourse count out 6 threads from the side and pull the 7th linen thread. Do this on all 4 sides. This gives you your seam track. Iron your stitched piece so it is smooth and wrinkle free.



2). Trim interfacing to between cross stitch and pulled thread track. Then apply the medium weight interfacing to the back side of your stitched piece. This provides a little “body” to the bourse. Make sure and iron both sides to get good adhesion.

Interfacing applied————>



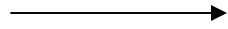
3). Cut your contrast fabric the same size as your stitched piece.



4). With right sides together pin and then stitch, by sewing machine, remember to stitch in the pulled thread track and to leave a 2.5”-3” opening for turning.

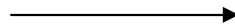


Stitched together with the opening
for turning.



5). Turn so right sides are out and press really good.

Bourse sewn together, turned and pressed.



6). Hand stitch the opening closed with the
whipstitch or blindstitch.



7). Fold each corner over to make a triangle and pin. The pinned corners are what make the casing for the cording.



8). Sew the corner's down by stitching parallel to the folded edge. Sew 1/2" from the folded edge on all four corners.



9). After sewing all 4 corners down you can now sew on the reserved gold beads.



10). Inserting the cording/
ribbon or lace into the casing.
For the ties you can use cord-
ing, ribbon, lace or rattail cord-
ing (Nancy's favorite). Thread
the cording through all for cor-
ner casings with a safety pin at-
tached to the cord.
Keep the bourse flat while you
do this.



After removing the safety pin, tie a overhand knot to join the 2 ends of the cord
together. Breathe.... Now we are going to run another cord, so you have 2 sepa-
rate cords around the bourse. The second cords knot is opposite the first knot.



Pull to close purse!
You are done!
Wasn't that fun!!!
Happy Stitching!