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## Supplies

- 1/3 yard batiste or light weight fabric
- 22" of 4-5" Swiss edging
- 9" of 1/4" ribbon to match purse fabric

## Preparation

1. Pleat edging with number of rows needed, 7-8 is recommended
2. Pull threads out to allow for a 1/4" seam allowance on each side of pleated edging
3. Block pleated edging to 5" wide. Starch pleats if desired & let dry
4. Smock

## Purse Construction

1. Cut out 4 purse shapes. If using a heavier fabric than batiste, use a lighter weight fabric for the lining. You will have a "front", "back" and a lining "front" & "back".
2. Sew three (3) gathering rows along the top straight edge of the front & back of the purse. (Not the lining pieces) Fig. 1

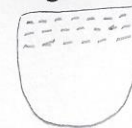


Fig. 1

3. Place the smocked piece on the front of the purse. Pull up the gathering threads behind the smocked piece to fit. Fig.2

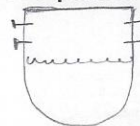


Fig. 2

4. Pin the back to the front—right sides together. Then pull up the back gathering threads to match the front. Sew around the curved (outer) edges with a 1/4" seam. Press stitching Fig. 3

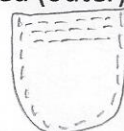


Fig. 3

5. Turn right side out and press sewn edges pulling seam out for a nice curve.
6. Sew lining pieces together—right sides together with the same 1/4" seam. Press stitching
7. Sew three (3) rows of gathering on the top straight edge of the lining.
8. Place lining inside outside purse—wrong sides together. Pull up gathering rows to match outside purse. Pin together top straight edges of purse with lining and sew through all layers to hold using a scant 1/4" seam.
9. Attach bias to top edge. Turn under on the inside and hand sew to finish with a blind stitch.
10. Handles are 3 pieces 1" X 9", stitched right sides together with 1/4" seam. Turn right side out and slip stitch ends. Braid the 3 handles together & stitch across ends to hold the braid.
11. Tack 4 1/2" pieces of ribbon to each side of the purse. Place the end of the handle in the center of the ribbon and tie the ribbon in a bow.

This allows for untying the handle and washing since the handle is often times the part of the purse that gets dirty!

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cut 2 of fabric

cut 2 of lining

$\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance

