



## Caliti Clutch

### Skill Level: Intermediate

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This clutch converts from a tote into a clutch with beautiful circle handles. Finished size is 33cm x 25.4cm (13" x 10") (unfolded) and 17.8cm x 25.4cm (7" x 10") (folded).

#### Fabric Needed

Exterior fabric	25cm (or fat quarter)
Interior fabric	66cm
Accent/handle fabric	50cm

#### Materials Needed

Legacy L-SF101 Cotton Woven Fusible	2m
Legacy L-987 Fusible Fleece White	50cm
Legacy L-809 Fuse-N-Shade™	50cm
Magnetic snap	
4.13cm (1⅝") metal buckle with tongue	
Thread	

#### Tools Needed

Rotary cutting tools and mat  
Ruler  
Sewing machine and related supplies

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## Assembly

All seam allowances are  $\frac{1}{2}$ " unless otherwise noted.

Step 1. Cutting Instructions. Cut the pieces for the handle and top strap following templates found on Pages 9 and 10.

Exterior fabric	Cut two 8" x 11" rectangles for exterior main panels.
Lining fabric	Cut four 6" x 11" rectangles for pockets. Cut two 11" squares for interior main panel.
Accent fabric	Cut four 2" x 11" rectangles for side panels. Cut two 2" x 3" rectangles for bottom straps.
Cotton Woven Fusible	Cut two 8" x 11" rectangles for exterior main panels. Cut four 6" x 11" rectangles for pockets. Cut four 2" x 11" rectangles for side panels. Cut two 11" squares for interior main panel. Cut two 2" x 3" rectangles for bottom straps.
Fusible Fleece	Cut two 8" x 11" rectangles for exterior main panels. Cut two 11" squares for interior main panels. Cut two 2" squares for snap placement.
Fuse-N-Shade™	Cut eight 2" x 11" rectangles for side panels.

Step 2. Fusing the fabrics.

Fuse the Cotton Woven Fusible to the wrong side of each corresponding piece.

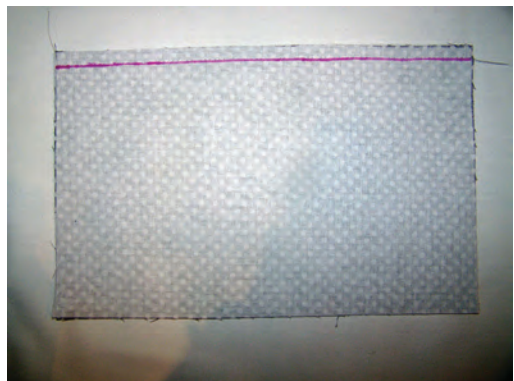
Fuse the Fusible Fleece to the Cotton Woven Fusible of each corresponding piece.

Fuse one layer of Fuse-N-Shade™ to each handle piece and each side panel piece. Repeat with a second layer of Fuse-N-Shade™.

## Assemble the interior

Step 3. Place two pocket pieces right sides together. Sew along one 11" edge. Press seam open.

Repeat with other two pocket pieces.



Step 4. Turn pocket wrong sides together. Press sewn edge to make it flat. Topstitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from sewn edge.



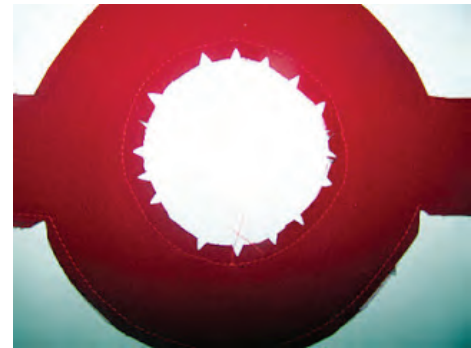
Step 5. Place one pocket on the right side of one of the interior main panels with the raw edge even with the bottom of the interior main panel. Pin, then baste along the raw edges of the pocket. Do not baste the sewn edge of the pocket.

Repeat for other interior main panel and pocket.



Step 6. Sew along one long edge of one of the handle pieces, pivoting through the curve, approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the raw edge of the fabric. Also sew  $\frac{1}{2}$ " along the inside circle of the handle. Clip the 'valley' of the fabric with slits, and notch the 'peak' of the fabric with small v's, approximately every  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Do not cut through the stitching.

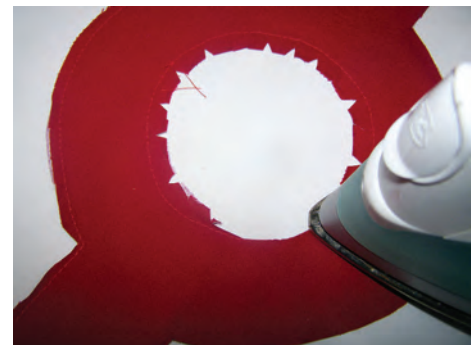
Repeat for the other three handle pieces.



Step 7. Turn the fabric to the wrong side at the stitches and press, easing the fabric. Press the inside circle very well.

Repeat for the other three handle pieces.

Set two handles aside for exterior of clutch.





## Assemble the Exterior

Step 8. Place one exterior main panel and one side panel right sides together along one 11" edge. Sew seam using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and press seam toward the side panel. Repeat this step for the other side of the exterior main panel.

Step 9. Edgestitch on the side panels  $\frac{1}{8}$ " and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the seam-line.

Repeat for other exterior main panel.



Step 10. Measure  $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the top of one of the interior main panels. Make a mark on the top left and right corners. Align the bottom straight edges of the handle along the marks made and pin to the interior main panel. Edgestitch on the handle along the long pressed edge,  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge.

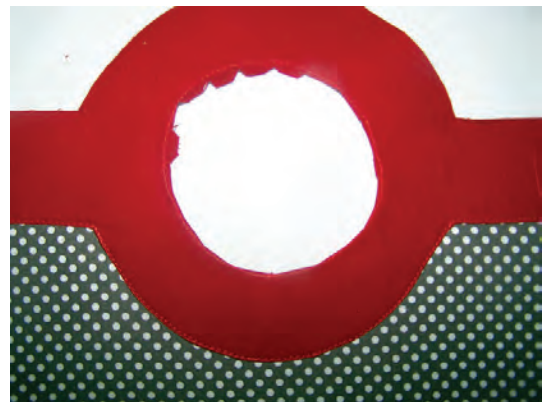
NOTE: The inside circle will not be stitched at this time.

Repeat for other interior main panel and the two exterior main panels.



Step 11. Flip the interior panel to the wrong side and trim the seam allowance to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Repeat for other interior main panel and the two exterior main panels.



## Install the Magnetic Snap

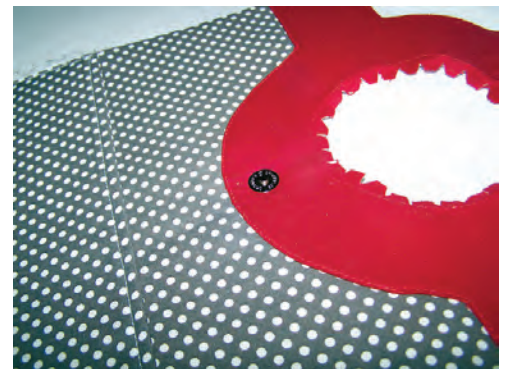
Step 12. Mark the prong placement with a fabric marker in the center of the Fusible Fleece. Cut small slits at the marks. The fleece will help reinforce the fabric against the pull of the magnetic snap.

Step 13. On one of the interior main panels, make a mark that is centered and 8" up from the bottom of the interior main panel.

Step 14. With the snap washer in the middle of the mark on the interior main panel, mark the prong placement with a fabric marker. Cut small slits at the mark.

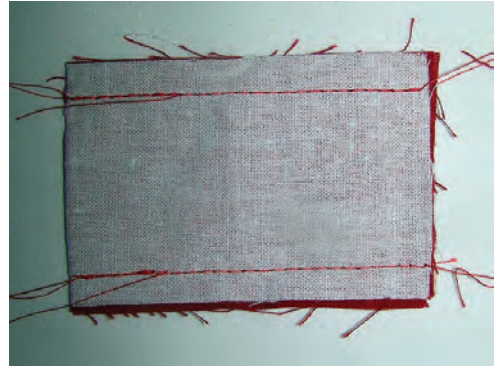
Step 15. Slide the prongs of the snap through the right side of the interior main panel. Place the fleece square, then the washer, over the prongs. Close the prongs outward (use pliers with a piece of scrap fabric over the metal if necessary), making sure they lay flat.

Step 16. Repeat these steps to attach the other half of the snap to the other interior main panel.



## Assemble the Straps/Buckle

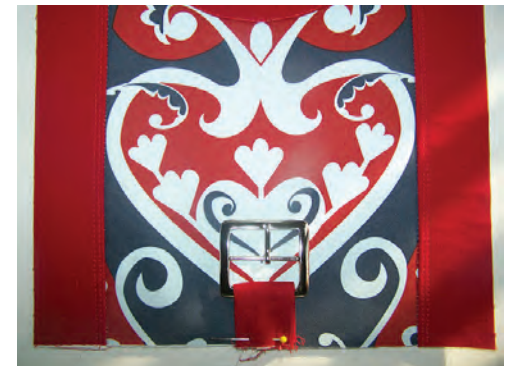
Step 17. Place the bottom strap pieces right sides together and stitch along each 3" edge. Turn bottom strap right side out and press.



Step 18. Make a mark on the bottom of one exterior main panels,  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " from the left edge.



Step 19. Place the bottom strap piece to the right of the mark made. One raw edge of the bottom strap should be even with the raw edge of the exterior main panel. Slide the metal buckle over the bottom strap, then fold the bottom strap down so both raw edges of the bottom strap are even with the bottom of the exterior main panel. Pin in place.



Step 20. Place the two top strap pieces right sides together. Sew along three edges but do not sew the short straight edge.

Step 21. Trim the seam allowance to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and clip the corner which will help it lie more flat. Turn the top strap right sides out and press.



Step 22. Edgestitch the top strap  $\frac{1}{8}$ " and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from sewn edges.

Step 23. Make a buttonhole  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the pointed corner.





Step 24. Remove the pin from the bottom strap. Slide the top strap piece under the bottom strap piece making sure to readjust the buckle. The raw edges of all strap pieces should be even with the bottom edge of the exterior main panel. Repin.

Step 25. Baste across the bottom of the exterior main panel, attaching the strap pieces. Sew horizontally right under the metal buckle, as close to the buckle as possible.



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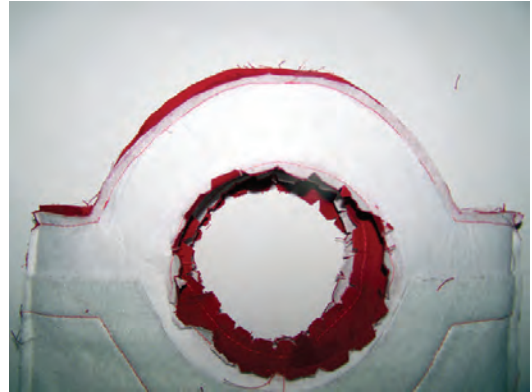
Step 26. Place the two interior main panels right sides together. Pin the three straight edges. Sew the three straight edges with a  $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam allowance. This will help the interior fit more snug inside the exterior. Trim the seam allowance to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Clip the two bottom corners, being careful not to cut the stitching. Leave the interior wrong side out.

Step 27. Place the two exterior main panels right sides together. Pin the three straight edges. Buckle the strap to keep it out of the way of stitching. Sew the three straight edges with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Sew slowly when reaching the part where the straps are. Backstitching at the point will give extra strength to the strap. Clip the two bottom corners. Press seams open. turn exterior right side out.



Step 28. Place the exterior inside the interior. Make sure the handles and the side seams are aligned, then pin in place. Make sure to pin an exterior handle to an interior handle.

Step 29. Sew the top of the handles along the top of the clutch with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Do not stitch the inside circles. Clip the 'valley' of the fabric with slits and notch the 'peak' of the fabric with small v's, approximately every  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Do not cut into the stitching.



Step 30. Turn the clutch right side out through one of the openings. Edge stitch the tops of the handles,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge all the way around.

Step 31. Match the inside of the handles. There should be a pressed edge to work with from earlier. Pin the inside circles. Edgestitch the inside circles  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge.

If it is not possible to stitch around the entire inside circle by machine, finish the circle by hand.



Step 32. Press finished bag.





## Handle Template

Handle  
Cut four accent fabric  
Cut four Cotton Woven Fusible  
Cut eight Fuse-N-Shade™

Trim the Fuse-N-Shade™ approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on all edges  
(trim by  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the inner circle) to reduce bulk in the  
seam allowance.

1"  
Gauge

Handle should measure 11" in length when cut. Set  
printer to 100% to print. Check length on print copy.

# Top Strap Template

