



Pretty Panda Snap Purse

DIFFICULTY

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FINISHED SIZE

5½" × 4½" (14cm × 11.4cm), excluding ears

Pandas are universally popular. Children will love this cute pouch, which features a darling appliquéd panda and a handy snap closure.

MATERIALS (for 1 pouch)

Fat eighth of cotton fabric for pouch exterior

Fat eighth of white homespun for pouch lining

Fat eighth of fusible fleece

Scrap of gingham fabric, at least
6" × 4" (15.2cm × 10.2cm), for ears

Scrap of black fabric, at least 2½" × 4"
(6.4cm × 10.2cm), for outer eyes

Scrap of white fabric, at least 1½" × 3"
(3.8cm × 7.6cm), for inner eyes

Scrap of black fabric, at least 1½" × 1"
(3.8cm × 2.5cm), for nose

Scrap of black fabric, at least 5" × 8"
(12.7cm × 20.3cm), for the casing

2 black sequins

Black embroidery thread

4½" × ½" (11.4cm × 1.3cm) flex frame

TOOLS & SUPPLIES

Basic sewing tools (see Tools and Materials)

Cardboard

Spray starch

Embroidery needle

Long-nose pliers

TEMPLATES

Pouch, Outer Eyes, Inner Eyes,
Nose, and Ears (on CD)

Note: Seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) wide unless otherwise indicated.

CUTTING AND PREPARING FABRICS

Using the Pouch template, cut

- 2 pieces from the white printed fabric for the pouch exterior
- 2 pieces from the white homespun for the pouch lining
- 2 pieces from the fusible fleece

From the black print fabric, cut four 5" x 2" (12.7cm x 5.1cm) strips for the casing.

Using the Ear template, cut 4 pieces from the black gingham.

Trace the Inner Eye, Outer Eye, and Nose shapes onto cardboard and cut them out. These cardboard shapes will be used to appliqué the facial features.

Using the Outer Eye cardboard shape as a template, cut out 2 outer eyes from black print fabric. Add a $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) seam allowance around the outside of the template.

Using the Inner Eye cardboard shape as a template, cut out 2 inner eyes from white print fabric. Add a $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) seam allowance around the outside of the template.

Using the Nose shape cardboard as a template, cut out 1 nose from black print fabric. Add a $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) seam allowance around the outside of the template.

APPLIQUÉ POUCH

1 Fuse the fleece onto the back of the exterior pouch pieces, ensuring all edges are aligned.

2 Position the Outer Eye cardboard template onto the back of the corresponding fabric piece so it's centered. Moisten the edges of the fabric with spray starch. Using your iron, press the seam allowance of the eye over the cardboard. Work your way around the outside of the eye with the iron, pressing the seam allowance over the cardboard so it's flat. Repeat for the remaining outer eye.

3 Using the same technique as described in step 2, prepare the inner eye pieces and the nose.

4 Referring to the photograph of the pouch for placement, position the nose and eye pieces on the pouch exterior and pin to secure. Hand-stitch the outer eyes, inner eyes and nose in position. Stitch a sequin to both inner eyes, as shown in the photograph. Using black embroidery thread, stitch the mouth in place below the nose, using an outline stitch.

5 Pin 2 ear pieces together with the right sides facing. Stitch around the outside of the ear. Clip curves and turn the ear right-side out. Press the ear. Repeat to construct the other ear. Using the photograph of the panda, position the ears on each side approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm) down from the top edge so the raw edges are aligned and the ears are folded over the eyes (Figure 1).



Figure 1

ASSEMBLE THE POUCH

6 Pin the front and back of the pouch together with the right sides facing and all the edges aligned. Stitch the sides and bottom of the pouch together, leaving the top edge open. Clip the curves, turn the pouch right-side out and press. Pin both pieces of the lining together and stitch them in the same manner, leaving a 4" (10.2cm) gap at the bottom of the pouch for turning. Clip the curves and press.

7 To make the casing for the pouch, place 2 of the rectangles together with right sides facing. Pin and stitch along the short edges. Turn the piece right-side out and press. Fold the rectangle in half lengthwise and press. Repeat with the 2 remaining casing rectangles.

8 Pin one of the casing strips to the top edge of the pouch front so that it's centered and the raw edges are aligned. Baste in place with an $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3mm) seam allowance. Baste the remaining casing strip to the back of the pouch in the same way.

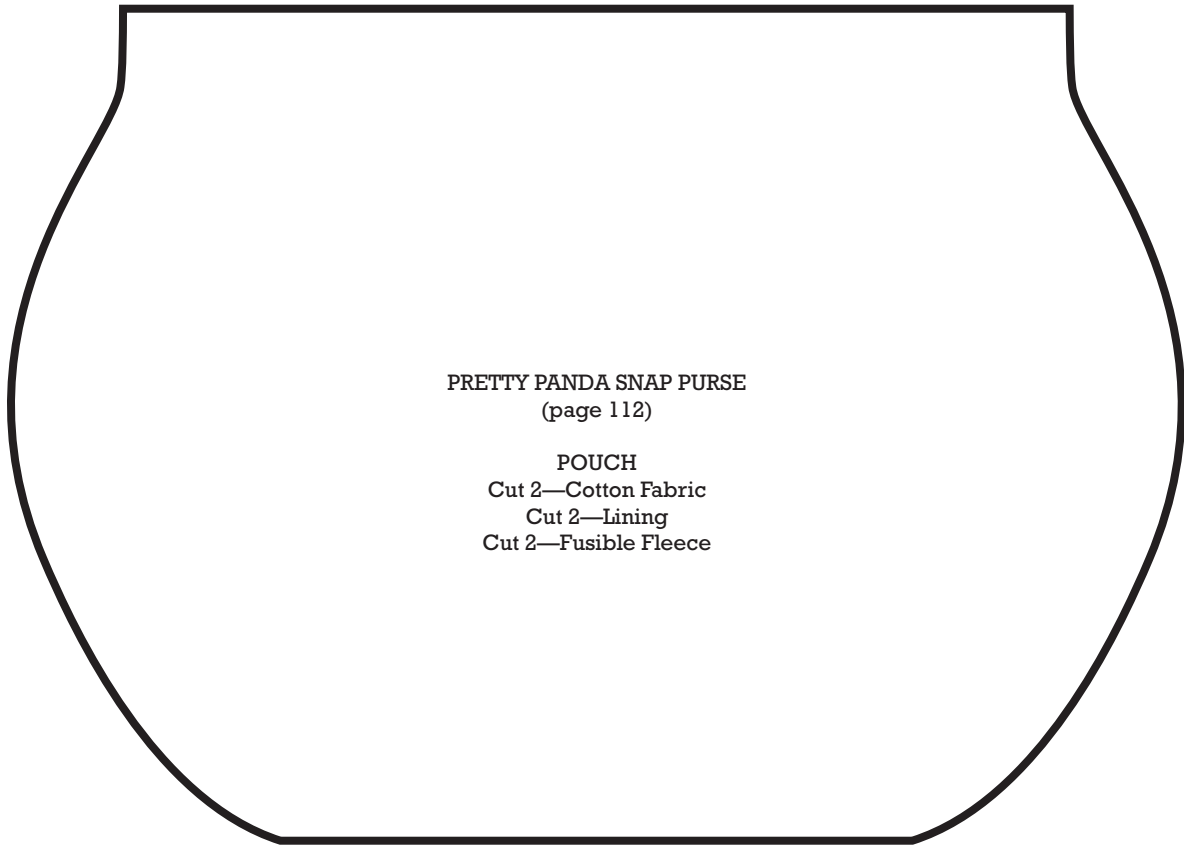
9 Place the exterior of the pouch inside the lining so the right sides are facing. Pin the lining to the pouch exterior around the top opening. Stitch around the opening. Turn the pouch right-side out through the gap in the lining. Stitch the gap in the lining closed using a slipstitch. Press.

10 Carefully slide one prong of the snap frame through one casing, and the other prong through the remaining casing. Following manufacturer's instructions, insert the pin in place at the open end of the frame to secure. You will need long-nose pliers to close the snap frame.



TIP

You can purchase purse flex frames (also known as purse snap frames) from Etsy or check with your local fabric shop.



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POUCH
Cut 2—Cotton Fabric
Cut 2—Lining
Cut 2—Fusible Fleece



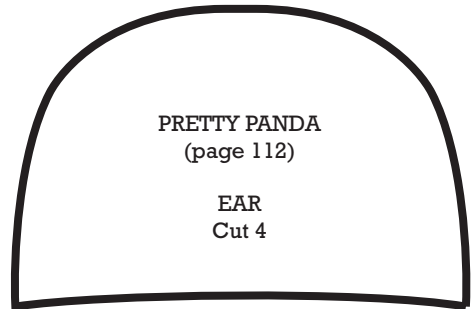
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