

Made in the Suede Mini-bag

Technique:	Sewing
Designed By:	Linda Turner Griepentrog
Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	6" x 6" (15.24cm x 15.24cm) (excluding strap)

Featuring Coats Dual Duty XP®

There are times when a big bag really isn't necessary and you only want to carry the essentials. Opt for this cute faux suede mini-bag embellished with decorative stitching.

Supplies

- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- 12" (30.48cm) Coats All-purpose Zipper
- ¼ yd (22.86cm) faux suede
- ⅛ yd (11.43cm) contrasting faux suede
- ¼ yd (22.86cm) cotton fabric for lining
- ¼ yd (22.86cm) medium-weight fusible interfacing
- ½" (1.27cm) metal D-ring
- ½" (1.27cm) metal swivel hook
- Pinking shears
- Zipper foot
- Spring clips (optional)

Cutting

From faux suede, cut:

- (2) bag body
- (1) strip, 2" x 14" (5.08cm x 35.56cm), for strap
- (1) strip, 1" x 2" (2.54cm x 5.08cm), for loop

From contrast suede, cut:

- (1) Accent (cut curve edge with pinking shears)

From cotton lining, cut:

- (2) bag body

From fusible interfacing, cut:

- (4) bag body
- (1) strip, 1" x 2" (2.54cm x 5.08cm), for loop

Tips for Working with Faux Suede

**Faux suede can stick to the machine presser foot and cause uneven feeding. Test-stitch--if yours does, use a non-stick presser foot for even feeding.*

**Use a small size needle (1¹/₈) to avoid leaving permanent needle holes in the fabric.*

**If pin marks show in your suede, use spring clips to hold parts in place while stitching.*

**Not all faux suedes can be pressed without leaving marks—test yours before beginning the project.*

Preparation

Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the interfacing pieces to their corresponding suede and lining pieces.

Note: Seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm).

Assemble the Bag Front

1. Position the contrast accent onto the bag body front. Stitch close to the upper pinked edge. Baste the corner cutout and side seams together.
2. Stitch three or more rows of decorative machine stitching on the bag front, parallel to the accent curved edge. Use the presser foot width for even spacing.

Assemble the Zipper

1. Open the zipper and lap the bag body front upper edge about $\frac{1}{8}$ " (.32cm) from the zipper teeth and place the top zipper stop $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm) from the side starting edge. Stitch in place using a narrow zigzag over the edge of the suede. Use a zipper foot and adjust the needle position for this step and move the pull out of the way as needed for access. Note that the zipper will be longer than the curve.
2. Repeat step 1 for the opposite zipper side. Stitch across the extending zipper end, then trim the excess length. Baste together the upper zipper end.

Assemble the Loop

1. Fold the long edges of the loop strip to the center and press. Topstitch down the center using a wide zigzag stitch.
2. Thread the loop through the metal D-ring, fold the loop in half and stitch close to the ring.
3. Place the loop even with the zipper suede edge on the left side of the bag front. Place the stitching line from step 2 along the $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm) seamline. Baste in place. Trim off the excess loop length.

Assemble the Bag

1. Fold the bag body front and back right sides together, open the zipper, and stitch both side seams. Press the seams open.
2. Fold the bag so that the side seams are atop one another at the lower corner cutout, and upper accent seams match, and stitch across the straight edge.
3. Turn the bag right side out and gently push out the lower and upper corners.

Assemble the Lining

1. Sew together the lining bag body front and back at the side seams. Press the seams open.
2. Stitch the lower corner, as for the bag.
3. Press under $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm) along the lining upper edges.
4. With wrong sides together, slip the lining into the bag. Pin the turned-under edge along the zipper tape and hand-stitch in place.

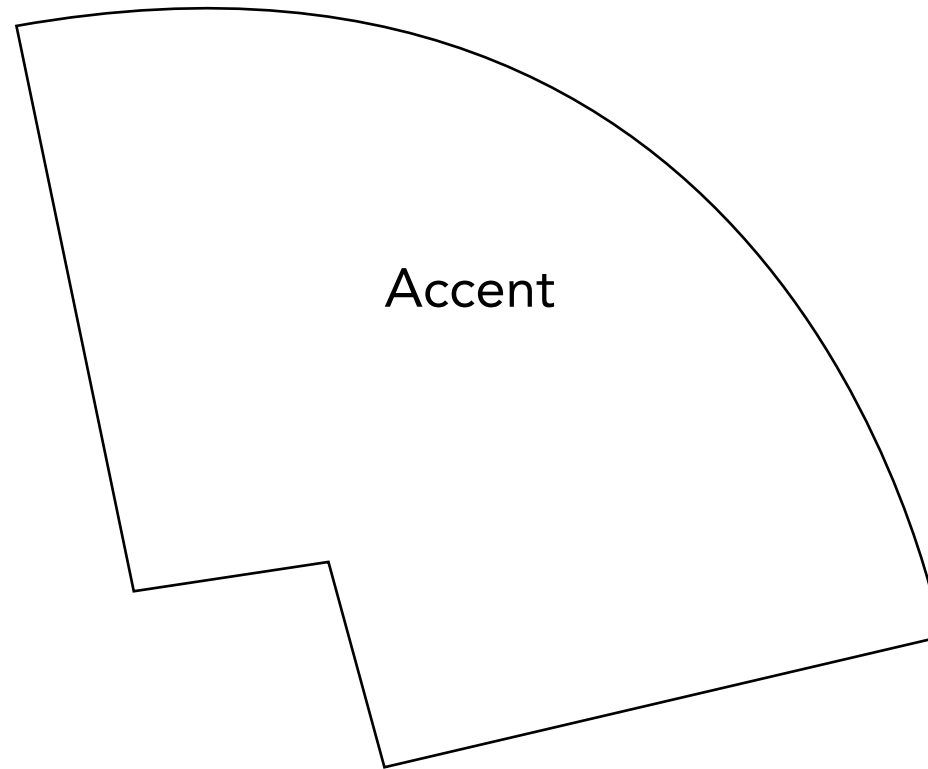
Finishing

1. Press both long edges of the strap strip to the center. Press the strap in half again.
2. Using a zigzag, stitch both long edges in place.
3. Thread the ends through the swivel hook loop and stitch in place. Note that this area is very thick, so hand stitching is recommended.
4. Snap the strap onto the D-ring and you're ready to go!

Bag Body

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measure 1" x 1"
(2.54cm x 2.54cm)
when printed.

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