

## Materials

- 1-1/4yd of 1" ribbon (for handle loops and top accent)
- (1) Set of handles with hardware
- (1) 8"x8" piece of **Water Soluble Sticky** stabilizer (i.e. Jenny Haskins Dissolve Magic Sticky®)
- (1) Placemat: Make sure to choose one that can be sewn through, has even surfaces and avoid strange materials such as thick plastic or bamboo.



## Threads & Feet

- Bobbin thread
- Embroidery thread to match design
- Sewing thread to match ribbon and placemat
- Standard presser foot
- Walking foot (optional)
- Adjustable Zipper foot (optional)

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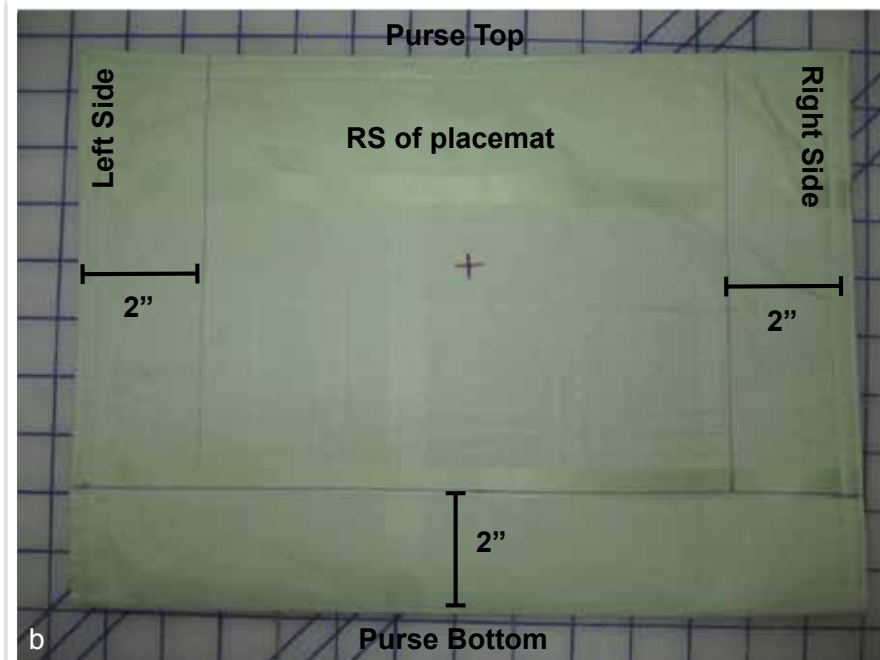
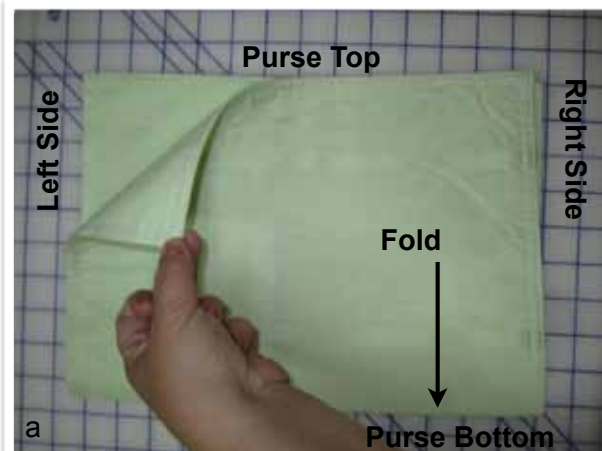
RS = Right Side  
WS = Wrong Side  
S.A. = Seam Allowance

## Tools

- Marking pen
- Ruler
- Hoop with 4" x 4" sewing area (Choose a design to fit inside this area)
- Pins
- Iron on fusible web 3/8"-1/2" wide (i.e. Steam-A-Seam®)
- Iron and pressing cloth
- Screw driver to use on handle
- 1/4" Foot or Zipper foot (optional)
- Embroidery snips
- Embroidery needle size 11 & Standard size 12
- Point turner
- Low adhesive tape (such as the kind painters use)

## Step 1: Prepare Fabric

- Fold placemat in half.
- Find placement for embroidery design. Follow measurements in diagram. Mark 2" from fold and 2" in from each side. Find center of the area inside the lines and mark with a "+".



**Susan's Tip:** Bird design is from the "Lace Birds" embroidery collection from [www.sealedwithastitch.com](http://www.sealedwithastitch.com).

## Step 2: Embroidery

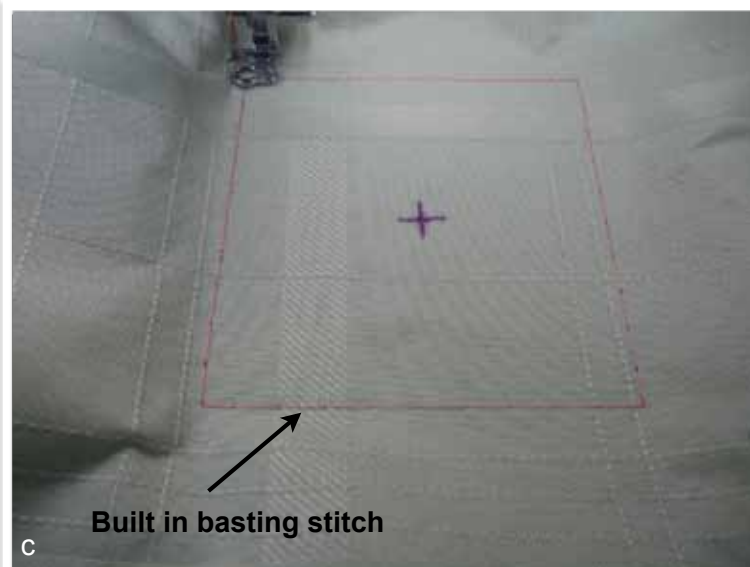
Choose a design that fits within a 4" x 4" embroidery area. In example we used one of the birds from the "Lace Birds" embroidery collection.

a) Hoop **Water Soluble Sticky** stabilizer and score paper. Peel paper and discard.

b) Line the "+" mark on the placemat over the center of the hoop. Press the placemat firmly onto the adhesive.

c) Insert hoop into machine. If your machine has a built in basting stitch, use it when materials are not hooped. See photo of basting stitch.

d) Finish stitching embroidery design. Remove hoop from machine, remove materials from hoop. Wash away remaining stabilizer; let dry, use pressing cloth to press the WS of the placemat.



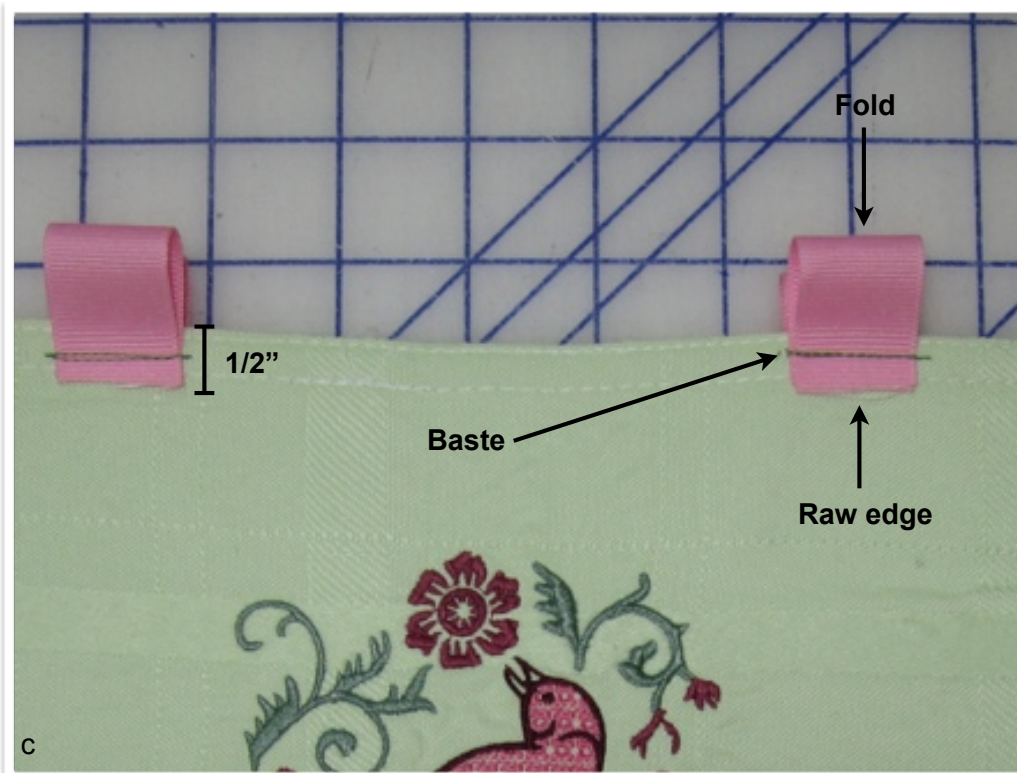
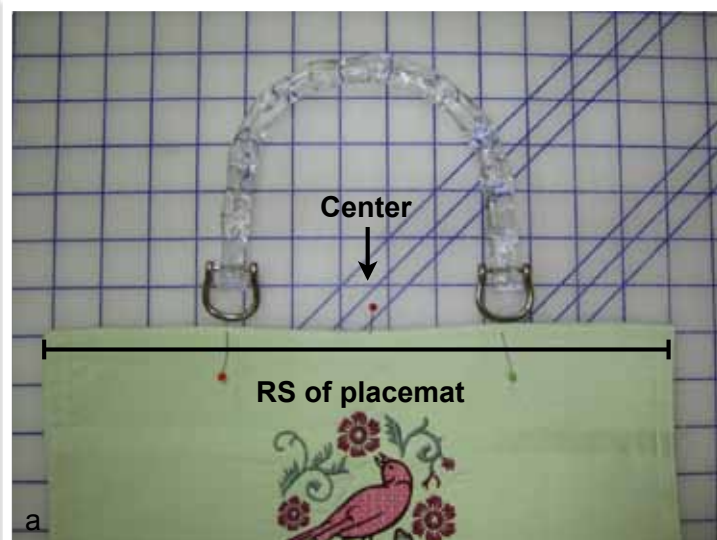
### Step 3: Handle Loops

a) Find placement of the handles. This will vary depending on the size of the placemat and distance between handle opening.

Diagram shows the center of the placemat and evenly spacing the handle. Mark with pins. Repeat on opposite side of the purse top.

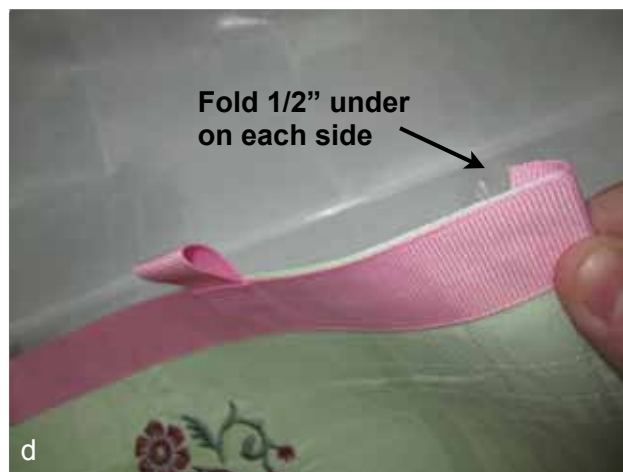
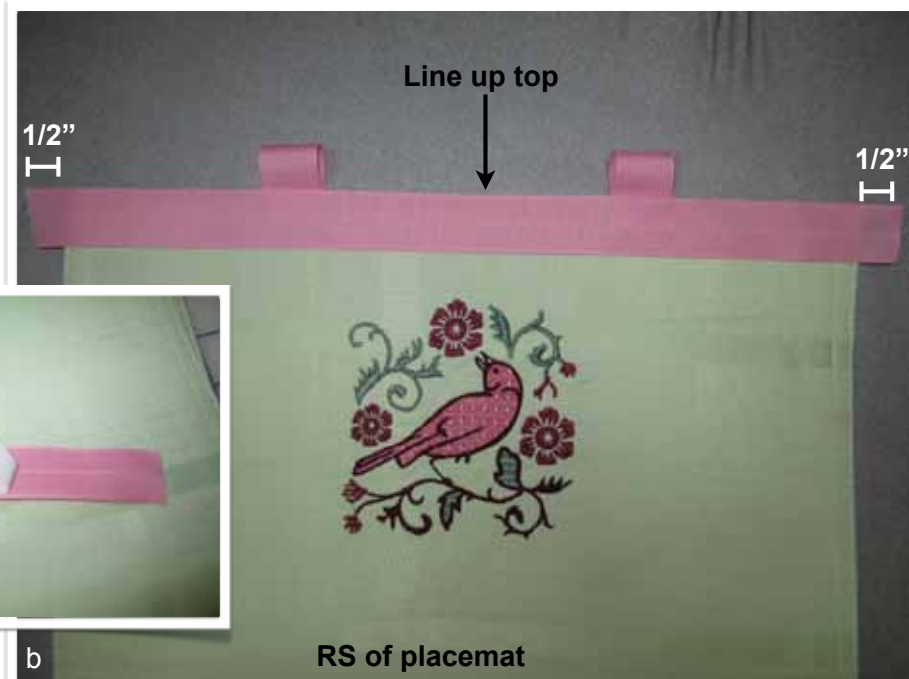
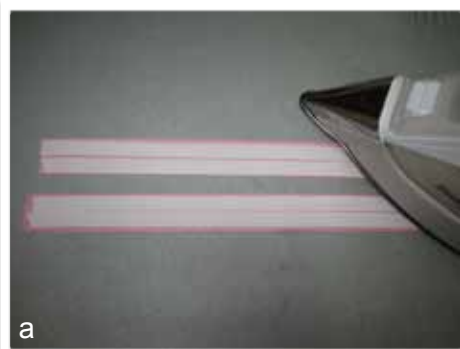
b) Cut (4) 3" long pieces of ribbon for the handle loops. Fold each in half. With the raw edge 1/2" inside, place the handle loops. Repeat for all four loops.

c) Baste the handle loops down. See diagram for placements.



#### Step 4: Purse top

- a) Cut (2) pieces of ribbon the width of the placemat plus 1" (this will be an extra 1/2" for folding under on each side). Press iron on fusible web to the WS of each piece of ribbon.
- b) Peel the paper away from the iron on fusible web. Place the ribbon RS facing over the top of purse. Be sure to leave 1/2" extra on each side and line up the top of the ribbon to the top of the placemat.
- c) Use a press cloth and iron the fusible web down (follow manufacturers pressing instructions).
- d) Fold the 1/2" extra on each side under, press. Repeat on all four sides.



## Step 5: Seams

a) Fold placemat RS together aligning purse top. Sew 1/2" s.a. on purse sides. Start sewing from purse top to ensure the ribbon lines up (use walking foot for thicker placemats).

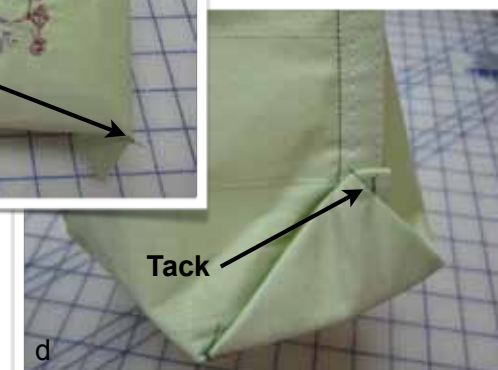
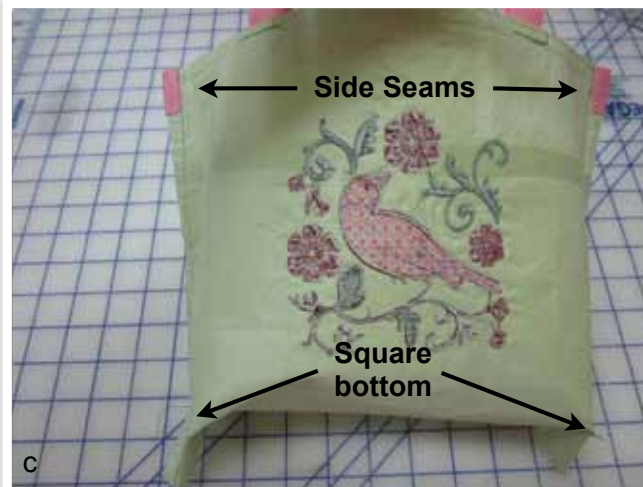
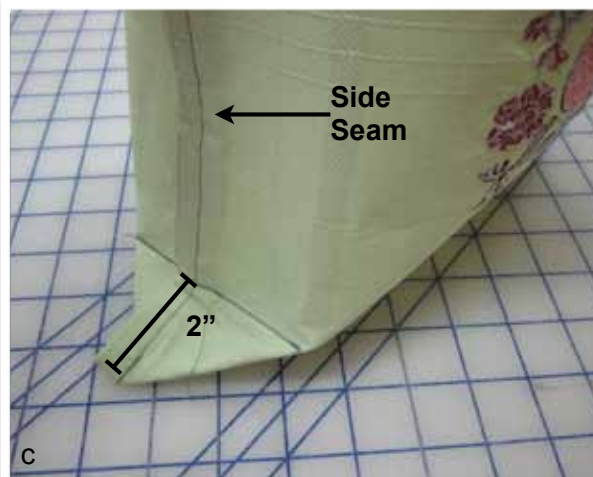
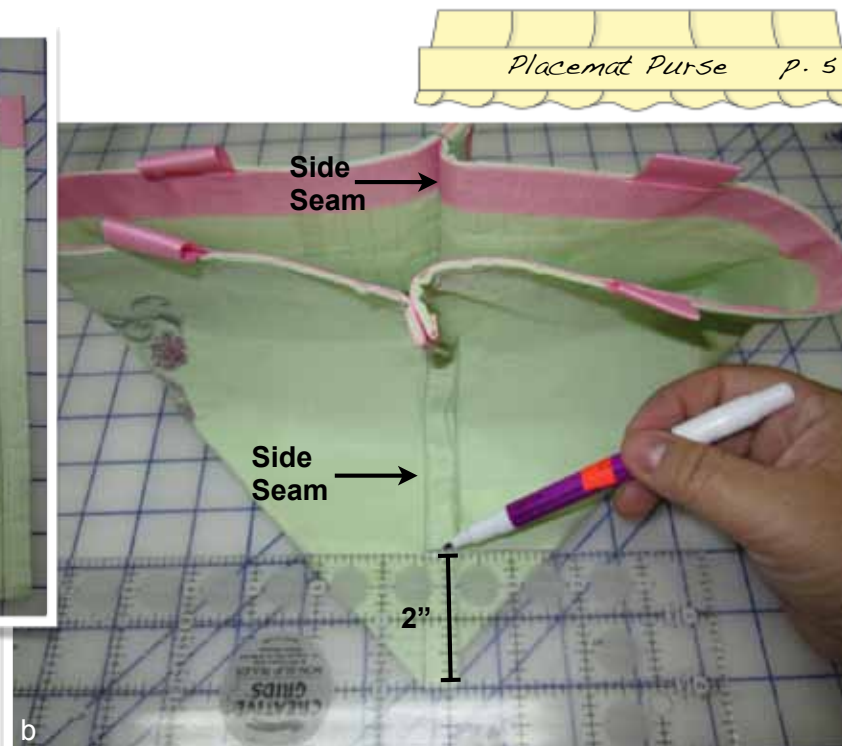
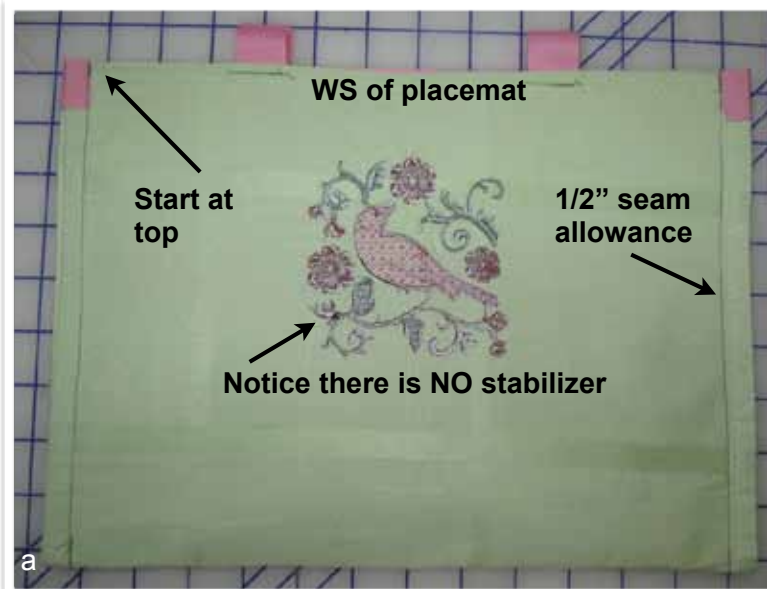
b) Create a square purse bottom by folding the bottom corner of the purse to lay flat. The side seams should line up along the original bottom of purse, the "fold" line. Mark 2" with marking pen.

c) Sew directly on the mark. Repeat on opposite side to create the square purse bottom.

d) Pull up the bottom corner and machine tack to the side seam. This will keep the square purse bottom in place while using the purse. Repeat on opposite side.



**Susan's Tip:** To learn more about your sewing machines presser feet and how to use them, pick up a copy of "Doing More With Your Feet". Check with your local dealer or go to [www.sealedwithastitch.com](http://www.sealedwithastitch.com).



## Step 6: Handle

a) Turn bag RS out and press seams as needed.  
b) The hardware for handles can vary from brand, type and style. These handles have a screw and metal loop. I like to work with one loop at a time.  
c) Unscrew the metal loop from the handle.  
d) Remove the screw so the metal loop can slip into the ribbon loop. Insert the screw back into the handle and tighten. Repeat for all four loops. Make sure to tighten the screws without stripping them. You are finished!



**Susan's Tip:** Feel free to share this project with a friend or your local sewing group. **WARNING!** These placemat purses can be quiet addictive! This placemat was originally \$15 at the department store. I found it at a closeout store for 25¢. Change yours by adding different types of trim, ribbon, handles, and embroidery designs. Have a great time and share pictures with us at [www.sealedwithastitch.com](http://www.sealedwithastitch.com). Have a creative day! Sue

