

Rubie Handbag- Day 5

Last day and lots to do before your bag is finished. Don't forget to use a size 16 needle and teflon foot or roller foot for all the leather bits.

ATTACH TAB TO EXTERIOR CUFF

Follow **Steps 73 to 78** to attach the tab (made on Day 2) to the exterior cuff.

ATTACH STRAP TO EXTERIOR CUFF

Attach one end of the long strap to the other side of the exterior cuff as described in Step 79.

ATTACH MAGNETIC SNAP

Follow **Steps 80 to 82** to add the magnetic snap to the cuff of your bag. Don't skip the step of reinforcing with a scrap of faux leather on the back. Without this, you are in danger of having the snap pull through the leather after a bit of use.

ATTACH EXTERIOR CUFF TO LINING

Follow **Steps 83 and 84** to attach the exterior cuff to the lining. Take special note of the tip about matching side seams first before you stitch the whole thing together.

Repeating the instructions on page 29

*****OPEN THE ZIPPER*****

If you don't open the zipper you will have a lot of trouble turning your bag right side out. IN FACT, you won't be able to turn it and I'm pretty sure you don't want to end up with an inside-out bag after doing all that work.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Follow **Steps 85 to 91** to sew the lining to the bag exterior.

Turning the bag requires a bit of muscle but not brute force. You are pulling quite a bit of bulk through a relatively small opening so work carefully and slowly. Don't yank and pull, just ease everything through that pocket opening. Patience is a virtue!

FINISHING THE STRAP

Now for the fun bit! Creating the slider for your adjustable strap is a bit tricky if you have never done this before. I'll try to take you through this step by step.

First finish the raw end of the strap with the strap cap (**Step 97**). Go to **Steps 101 and 102** and prepare the holes for the rivets which you will add later.



Your instructions explain how to create a slider using two rectangle rings (page 33). You might be able to work it out simply by reading the instructions. If you are having trouble achieving the desired result, watch this video. Seeing it happen before your eyes will help to make sense of the written instructions.

Follow **Steps 103 to 106** to complete your strap with the rivets. The instructions refer to **screw** caps. If you purchased the kit from Hardware Handbag you will have rivets that **snap** together. Push the piece with the post through the holes in the strap, then snap the end onto the rivet post.

CLOSING THE ZIPPER POCKET

Step 109 is the final step and a very important one. Remember when you turned your bag right side out through the lining zipper pocket? You need to sew that pocket closed. I used my bag for two weeks and wondered why things kept disappearing. Lo and behold, I had forgotten this last step. Everything I put in the pocket dropped through the hole!

Carry your bag with pride and don't forget to post pictures on Facebook.
Can't wait to see all the bags.