

Rubie Handbag- Day 3

EXTERIOR SLIP POCKET

Follow **Steps 40 to 46** to install the slip pocket.

Note: These steps refer to 'exterior cuff facing' and 'exterior cuff accent' pieces. They are the same pieces - just different terminology.

Version 1 - Choose either exterior bag (pleated) piece - they are both the same.

Version 2 - Yesterday you installed a zipper in one exterior bag piece. The slip pocket is attached to the remaining exterior bag piece which is the pleated one.

Steps 47 and 48 are optional. If you are brave enough to attempt these, here's my tip. First top-stitch the top edge of the pocket opening, then top-stitch either side. Sew slowly when you get to the pleated bits as you are sewing through multiple layers. If necessary, walk the machine by hand over the thickest sections.

Feeling a bit nervous about this? You can always skip straight to Step 49.

ATTACH REMAINING EXTERIOR CUFF FACING

Following **Steps 50 and 51**....

Version 1 - attach the remaining exterior cuff facing to the other exterior bag piece. Note the seam allowance is pressed up towards the cuff before top-stitching. This is the opposite to the first cuff seam which was pressed down. Be sure to follow these instructions - you'll be glad you did when you come to sew front and back together.

Version 2 - attach the remaining exterior cuff facing to the pleated exterior bag piece.

ADD BLING

Now's the time to bling up the bag...or not.

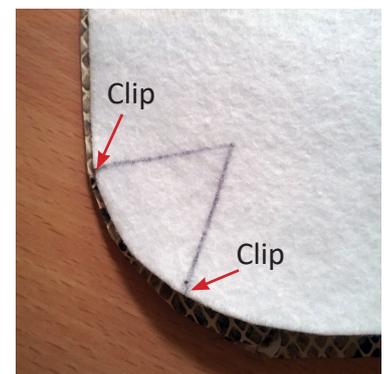
SEW EXTERIOR TOGETHER

Follow **Steps 53 to 55**.

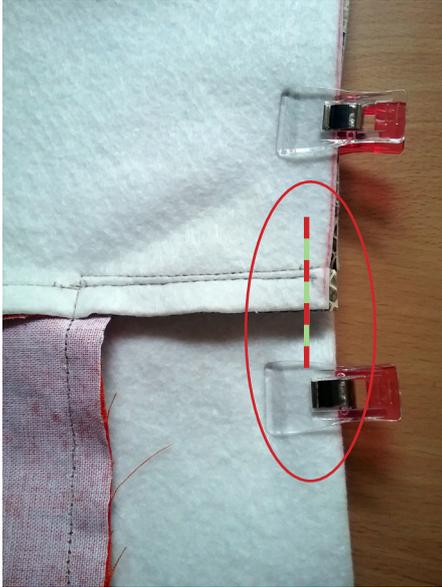
When joining the two exterior pieces you want to make sure

- the ends of the dart legs match up on front and back pieces, and
- the seams joining the cuffs to the bag match

Make a tiny snip at the end of each dart leg. This will help you line up the dart ends when clipping front and back together.



AUSSEW Along



Before stitching all the way around (**Step 54**), stitch just over the matched seams where the cuff joins the body of the bag. Start about 1 inch above the seam and stop about 1 inch below. Check to make sure the seams match exactly. It's much easier to unpick just a few inches and re-stitch if necessary.

Tip - Trim away about half the seam allowance around the curved corners at the bottom of the bag before stitching the darts (**Step 55**).