

## Tie One On Purse – Part 2

(Adding beading is optional, but adds a delightful touch to your purse.)

**Adding beading** – Pin beads to the inside on the right side of the bag. Attach your zipper foot to your machine. Sew the beading to one side of the purse. Place right sides together and sew from one side around to the other, leaving top open. Make sure you catch the hem of the beading fabric in your seam so that it does not show on the finished side. Remove zipper foot and replace with quarter inch or other foot.



Turn purse inside out. Decide which side you want for the front.

**Adding flap and handles** – Center the flap (front pointed 6 inch piece of your tie) right sides together to the back of the purse. Pin in place. (If you have both center pieces from the front and the back left, you can stack them and make a multidimensional flap.)

If using cording, pin handle in place on each side of the purse. If using chain, attach to purse when done sewing. If using pre formed handles you will need to create two belt loops for each handle (depending on handle, this could be four total) from your scrap fabric.

**Lining** – Sew lining right sides together, leaving the entire top and a 3 inch opening at the bottom. Slip tie bag into the “lining bag” – right sides together.



Let your cording handle hang through the 3 inch opening in the lining bottom so that it is out of the way. Stitch around the top of the bag. Pull everything through the lining opening. Push lining down inside purse. Lightly iron around the top to keep lining down and flat.

**Encasing elastic** – Top stitch around top of the bag, making sure lining stays down inside the bag and is not seen above the top of the purse. Using the seam you just made as a guide, sew another seam a little wider than the width of the elastic, approximately 5/8 inch from top seam, leaving about a 1.5 inch opening. Use one safety pin to hold one end of the elastic to the purse. Use the second pin to attach to the loose end of the elastic. Feed the elastic through the hole in the bottom of the lining, pulling through the casing. Overlap the two elastic ends and stitch. Finish stitching the 1.5 inch casing opening closed. Then stitch the opening of the lining closed.

**Finishing touch** – Add a button or brooch to the flap of the purse. Or, add a button hole in the flap and sew the button to the purse Any type of personal touch you want. It's really up to you at this point.