These instructions are written on two levels, one for the novice/beginner sewer and one for the more experienced/advanced sewer. Before purchasing fabric, the sewer should review the instructions to determine which level of instructions best suits his/her skills and expertise. (Special Note: It is the observation of American Sewing Guild members who have worked with 4H members the past 1 ½ years, that there are two, perhaps three, 4H'ers who are advanced sewers.)

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR BOTH SEWER LEVELS
- Paper scissors
- 6” ruler
- Corner pointer/turner
- Water soluble marking pen
- Usual sewing supplies

Additional supplies and fabrics - See instructions for each of the sewer levels. Different Supplies/Fabrics are required.

Novice/Beginners Instruction

Experienced/Advanced Instructions
NOVICE/BEGINNER SEWER INSTRUCTIONS

SUPPLIES REQUIRED
Note #1 - All colors should be coordinating
Note #2 – Cording for strap will be provided by ASG in red, white, or navy
✓ Fabric #1 – one fat quarter
✓ Fabric #2 – one fat quarter
✓ Fabric #3 – one-sided, pre-quilted fabric 20" by 8"
✓ One thread that coordinates with all three fabrics
✓ Hook and loop - 2" strip

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Cut out paper patterns. Be sure to use your paper scissors not your fabric scissors!
2. Press all fabrics. Do not press pre-quilted on the wrong side as the fabric may melt!
3. Fold fabric #1 in half and cut out two bag pieces for outside of bag
4. Fold fabric #2 in half and cut out two flap pieces
5. Fold fabric #3 in half and cut out two bag pieces for inside lining
6. Place fabric #1 pieces right sides together and stitch ½" seam on two sides and bottom. If fabric is a one-way design, be sure design is pointed up.
7. Make gusset on both side seams - one side at a time - as follows:
   A. With right sides together, match one side seam to corresponding bottom seam to form a triangle. Pen.
   B. Measure and mark ¾” from outside edge of triangle
   C. Stitch across the mark
   D. Trim seam to 3/8”
8. Turn bag right side out and set aside
9. Place fabric #3 pieces (lining) right sides together and stitch ½” seam on two short sides
10. Leave lining wrong-side out and set aside
12. Stitch one section of hook and loop in center of flap about ¾” from finished bottom seam.
14. Determine desired length of cording/strap and cut about ¼” extra on each end.
15. Place one end of strap on outside side seam of bag. Stitch across the strap/cording at least three times. Repeat for other end of strap.
16. With right sides together carefully match bag sides seams to lining side seams. Pen. Stitch \( \frac{1}{2} \)" seam around the top.
17. Pull out lining and place wrong sides together. Pen. Fold raw edges of lining under about \( \frac{1}{4} \)" and match folded edges wrong sides together. Top stitch along the folded edge.
18. Tuck lining into purse.
19. Using sewing machine’s free arm, stitch remaining section of hook and loop to the front of bag matching the hook and loop piece on the flap.
~~ EXPERIENCED/ADVANCED SEWER INSTRUCTIONS ~~

Special Notes:
1. These instructions require a serger (a specialty technique sewing machine) which will be provided by an ASG member. Under close supervision, the 4H member will actually use the serger.
2. Batting is required and will be provided by an ASG member.

SUPPLIES REQUIRED
Note #1 - All colors should be coordinating
1. Fabric #1 - 1/3 yard color #1
2. Fabric #2 - 1/3 yard color #2
3. Fabric #3 - 1/4 yard color #3
4. Fabric #4 - one sided, pre-quilted fabric 20” by 8”
5. One thread that coordinates with all three fabrics
6. One shanked button - either 1/2” or 5/8” A shanked button is one in which threads are sewn under the button rather than through holes in the button.
7. Batting - to be provided by ASG
8. Elastic band - to be provided by ASG
9. Hand sewing needle

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Cut out paper patterns. Be sure to use your paper scissors not your fabric scissors!
2. Press all fabrics. Do not press pre-quilted on the wrong side as the fabric may melt!
3. From fabric #1 cut the following:
   ▪ Two bag pieces for outside of bag
   ▪ Two strips both ½” wide
4. From fabric #2 cut the following:
   ▪ Two flap pieces
   ▪ Two strips both ½” wide
5. Fold fabric #3 cut two strips both ½” wide
6. For each of the strips complete the following. You will have three strips, each a different fabric.
   ▪ Cut off the selvage ends
Fold in half right sides together. Press. Set aside.

7. Place fabric #1 pieces right sides together and stitch $\frac{1}{2}$” seam on two sides and bottom. If fabric is a one-way design, be sure design is pointed up.

8. Make gusset on both side seams - one side at a time - as follows:
   - With right sides together, match one side seam to corresponding bottom seam to form a triangle. Pen.
   - Measure and mark $\frac{3}{4}$” from outside edge of triangle
   - Stitch across the mark
   - Trim seam to $\frac{3}{8}$”

9. Turn bag right side out and set aside

10. Place fabric #3 pieces (lining) right sides together and stitch $\frac{1}{2}$” seam on two short sides

11. Leave lining wrong-side out and set aside

12. Complete flap as follows:
   - Place batting on wrong side of one piece of fabric #2. Pen.
   - Mark quilting lines 1 $\frac{1}{2}$” apart using horizontal lines OR vertical lines OR diagonal lines. Stitch on the marked lines. Don’t forget to remove your markings!
   - Determine needed length of elastic band to securely fit around button. Place in center of narrow bottom edge (this edge is about 5” long) with needed length toward center of flap. Stitch.
   - Place flap pieces right sides together. Stitch $\frac{1}{2}$” seam on short sides and narrow bottom. Clip corners. Turn right side out.
   - Ensure elastic band will securely fit around button. If not, rip out one side of band and make longer or shorter!
   - Press flap.

13. Match open end of flap to one open end of the bag. Pen. Stitch $\frac{1}{2}$” seam. Fold flap down toward bottom of bag.

14. Complete strap as follows:
   - Serge a three-thread rolled edge on each of the fabric strips. Align fabric on $\frac{3}{8}$” serger mark.
   - Match open/un-sewn ends by overlapping strip #2 about $\frac{1}{2}$” over strip #1 then overlap strip #3 about $\frac{1}{2}$” over strip #2. Stitch across the open end.
   - Braid the strips into one continuous strap. Stitch across completed braid. Note: Do not braid very tight but then again do not braid loose as the strap will stretch.

15. Place one end of strap on outside side seam of bag. Stitch across the strap/cording at least three times.

16. Determine desired length of strap. Place remaining end of strap on remaining outside seam of bag. Cut off excess strap.

17. With right sides together carefully match bag sides seams to lining side seams. Pen. Stitch $\frac{1}{2}$” seam around the top.
18. Pull out lining and place wrong sides together. Pin. Fold raw edges of lining under about $\frac{1}{4}''$ and match folded edges wrong sides together. Top stitch along the folded edge.
19. Tuck lining into purse
20. Sew on button