

Handmade Jewelry Pouch

Materials and Technique:

To make two pouches, you'll need 1/2 yard of fabric.

Jewelry-Pouch Template (template follows)

Paper

Pencil

Scissors

Hole punch

Ultrasuede or other soft fabric

Cord

Tailor's pencil

5/16- or 1/4-inch leather hole punch

Pins

Ruler or tape measure

Scrap wood (optional)

1. Fold a 17-inch square of paper into quarters. Download and print templates (below), then trace and cut out 16-inch template. Punch holes as indicated on the template, and mark the entry hole for the drawstring cord (you'll also need to mark a second entry hole, just below the middle crease, on the opposite side of the circle, as you'll be using two cords to make the drawstring). Unfold the template. Repeat process for the 10-inch circle template, which will later comprise the inner pockets.
2. Trace the 16- and 10-inch circles onto fabric using the paper templates and a tailor's pencil. Mark the holes, making the entry holes slightly darker. Place a pin in between the two cord entry holes and the holes to their left. (Now when you thread the cord, you'll know to start at the right of the pin and end in the hole to the left.) Cut out circles.
3. Punch out holes on 16-inch circle, except for the center, using a 5/16- or 1/4-inch leather tool. (Martha works on scrap wood to protect her cutting mat.) To make the interior pockets, fold the 10-inch circle in half. Gently press fold with iron; open and fold in half again, matching up the first fold line, and press again. You should have four equal pie pieces. Open and fold in half again, matching up two opposite pie quarters; press. Repeat until you have eight equal pie pieces. Sew along these guidelines to create the pouch's pockets.
4. Match the two centers of the circles, then pin in place. Pin around the 10-inch circle (the inner circle) to keep it in place. Sew along the pressed guidelines. Measure 1 inch from the center along each sewn guideline, and mark that point using a tailor's pencil. Sew from point to point, connecting the dots to form an octagon (this creates a bottom for your pocket to keep jewelry from slipping into the pouch's center).

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5. Cut two 3-foot lengths of cord. Tape each end to help feed the cord and to prevent fraying. Locate one of your pins; start at the hole to the right of pin. Begin from the outside, and thread cord through the holes counterclockwise. Continue around the circle to the last hole, and tie off. Find the second pin on the opposite side, and repeat with second cord. (If you've threaded the cord correctly, the ends will be on the outside of the pouch.) Remove tape, knot ends, and pull the strings to close the pouch.

Sources:

Ultrasuede

Fields Fabrics
1695 44th Street S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
800-67-ULTRA
www.fieldsfabrics.com

Cord

Mokuba
55 West 39th Street
New York, NY 10018
212-869-8900
www.mokubany.com

Leather punch

Henry Westpfal Company
107 West 30th Street
New York, NY 10001
212-563-5990

Note: To order back issues of Martha Stewart Weddings, please call 1-800-274-6800

TEMPLATE

Enlarge 200% on copy machine to match scale of the original.
Punch holes where circles are marked.

