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## 2011 – Holiday Inspiration – Day 8

Make this Beggar's Pouch that contains no calories. A little portable jewelry case perfect for travel or to separate jewelry components or sewing machine feet on trips between home and class.



Just a few pieces of fabric, a sturdy disc and some cord are needed to make this quick pouch. See Instructions on the following page.

Never enough bracelets! This piece can be fun and flirty, sweet and pretty, or subtle and sexy. Choose three colors to reflect mood or personality. Don't sweat the choices. After the first, you'll want to make more. Oh, and they make great quick gifts, too...



Pick 3 colors of size 11 round seed beads, plus a beading needle, Fireline or One G thread, 3 pairs of magnetic clasps.

Make 3 separate lengths of tubular Herringbone approximately 1" longer than your wrist measurement, leaving the tail and working ends at least 10" long to add magnets and finish the ends of the bracelet. Attach a clasp pair to one end of each tube. Don't separate the magnets because you don't want to mix the pairs! Stitch the 3 ends together. One at a time, separate the magnets and stitch each one to the opposing end of the tube. Lay the tubes on a flat surface and braid them. Gently pick up the piece and allow the magnet pairs to come together. This will help keep the bracelet shape while you finish stitching the last three tubes together. Ta-da!

## Sewing Instructions for:

# Pretty Little Pouch

*Instructions are for one 9" pouch.*

### Materials:

- 4 coordinating Fat Quarters (for the sample shown)
- 1 small piece of vinyl (or cardboard)
- 4 ft of rattail (or cording braided from pretty pearl cotton or floss)

Step 1: Using an acrylic circle cutting template (or pie pans, plates and glasses from the kitchen), cut the following circles:

9" fabric circles	cut 2
5" fabric circles	cut 2
2" fabric circle	cut 1
1 ½" vinyl (or cardboard) circle	cut 1

*Since this simple pouch has unfinished edges, it works best to use pinking shears for cutting.*

Step 2: Place the 5" circles wrong sides together and sew around the perimeter, a ¼" from the edge.

Step 3: Layer the circles, centering each layer.

- 9" circles, wrong sides together. The outside of the pouch is the fabric at the bottom of the stack.
- 5" circles. The top circle is the only side that will be visible.
- 1 ½" vinyl circle.
- 2" fabric circle, pretty side up.
- Pin all layers together. Your layers should look like Pic A.
- Stitch around the perimeter of the 2" circle, a ¼" from the edge. Avoid piercing the vinyl circle.
- On the outside of the pouch, about 1" from the edge, cut a 3/8" slit through the outer fabric only, parallel to the edge (for the drawstring) and mark its placement with a pin. Pic B shows the slit.
- Stitch around the perimeter of the 9" circle, about a ¼" from the edge. Stitch a second time around, about a ½" from the edge. These two lines will encase the drawstring, so avoid stitching through the slit marked by the pin.
- Using a chalk marker, draw four lines as if cutting a pie into eighths.
- Stitch each line, starting and stopping within the circles stitched in *step h*. Do not start at the edges of the 9" circle or you'll stitch through the path of the drawstring.
- Thread your cord through the drawstring channel. Ta-da!

Make this pouch in any size by changing the size of the circles.



Pic A



Pic B (a blue scrap is in the slit)

