This simple bag and coin purse is a great project to make for a beginning sewer. You will learn some basic sewing skills that you will use in many future projects. I know you will enjoy this so much you may have to make more than one!

**Skill Level: Beginner**

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**Supplies:**

- Baby Lock Design Pro or Denim Pro
- 1/4-yard fashion fabric 44-45" wide
- Solar window screen 36" wide
- Black all-purpose thread
- Thread to match fabric
- 1/8 yard fusible interfacing
- Pressing cloth
- Fabric marking pen
- 1/2" button
- Spring toggle
- 7" zipper
- 5" x 12" piece of Heat N Bond Vinyl™
Instructions:

Cut:
One piece from screen 24" x 11" and one-piece 7-1/2" diameter circle. Cut 2 pieces from fabric 1-1/2" x 45" and 1 piece 7-1/2" x 25". Cut 1 piece interfacing 3-3/4" x 25".

1. Fuse interfacing to wrong side of 25" x 7-1/2" piece of fabric, matching long edges.
2. Fold 1-1/2" wide pieces in half, matching long edges and press.
3. Open and fold the long edges to center and press. Set these aside, they will be used for the straps. (Illustration 1)
4. Thread machine with black all-purpose thread in the needle and bobbin.
5. Pin together 24" x 11" piece of screen and 25" x 7-1/2" fabric. Match long edges, pin along edge with interfacing, interfacing side up, leaving 1/2" of fabric extended at both ends.
6. Sew together using a 5/8" seam. This will be the main body of the bag.
7. Press seam to set stitches covering screen with pressing cloth.
9. Press under 1/2" on opposite side of edge of fabric. (Illustration 2)
10. Fold fabric right sides together, matching folded edge to seamed edge, stitch ends using a 1/2" seam. (Illustration 3)

11. Clip corners, turn right side out, and press.
12. Thread machine with matching thread.
14. Next, stitch along the long edges of the narrow strips that were pressed earlier. These will be the straps.
15. Using your fabric-marking pen mark buttonholes on each end of fabric 1/2" down and 1/2" over from edge.
16. Fold in half and mark buttonhole in the center 1/2" from top edge.
17. Mark 4 more buttonholes, 2 on each side 4" from center and 1/2" from top edge. You should have 7 buttonholes marked on the fabric.

18. Make buttonhole at each marking, using 1/2" button in the buttonhole foot. Cut open buttonholes.

19. Pin the bag body section around the circle (bag base); you will need to use several pins; overlapping the short edges.

20. Pin straps in the seam, approximately 6" apart, one strap on each side of the overlap. (Illustration 4)

21. Using a 5/8" seam sew around the circle.

22. Next using a zigzag stitch, sew along overlapped edges of screen only; do not stitch the fabric section. (Illustration 5)

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**Coin Purse**

Cut one piece from fabric 5" x 12" and fuse Heat N Bond™ (follow package instructions). Cut this piece into 2 pieces, one 5" x 5", and the remaining should be 5" x 7".

1. Fold under 1/2" along one 5" edge of each piece.
2. Pin one section to zipper matching fabric edge to end of zipper.
3. Using zipper foot, sew 1/8" from folded edge. (Illustration 6)
4. Repeat for remaining section.
5. Move zipper pull to end of zipper and trim excess off zipper.
6. Fold right sides together, match raw edges and sew together using a 1/2" seam allowance.
7. Trim edges to 1/4" and clip corners.
8. Turn right side out.
9. Place money and ID in coin purse, put this in the bag with swimsuit, sport shoes, or favorite toys and you are ready to go!

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