

Laminated Fabrics & the Porta-PocketsPLUS Purse Insert

Use the following modifications to make the process easier & more enjoyable!

The purpose of this Pictorial is to detail a few very specific changes we recommend that you make to our **Porta-PocketsPLUS Purse Insert™** pattern when using it in combination with fabric that has an iron-on vinyl coating. It is provided for you free of charge by StudioKat Designs, Inc. For more information about the **Porta-PocketsPLUS Purse Insert**, go to www.studiokatdesigns.com/p3.htm.



Laminated fabrics are all the rage right now, and why not? It's a great way to protect your finished project against liquids, dirt and normal wear & tear, BUT, its important to bear in mind that when you apply iron-on vinyl to your fabric, you can significantly change the behavioral characteristics of your fabric. It may in fact be necessary to make a few procedural modifications to offset these changes. After adding iron-on vinyl to a few *Porta-PocketsPLUS Purse Insert* samples, we are prepared to recommend the following procedural changes to make the process easier for you.

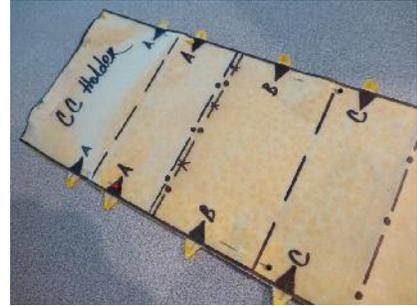
General Changes

- 1) Follow manufacturers instructions to apply iron-on vinyl to both the exterior fabric and the lining you intend to use for your project PRIOR to cutting out your pattern pieces. For what it's worth, I definitely think the "shiny" iron-on vinyl is more pliable and easier to gather once it's applied to fabric.
- 2) Ignore ALL references for using interfacing anywhere in your *Porta-Pockets Purse Insert*. You'll still need to cut out the called-for number of Planks (#3) in Soft & Stable AND you'll also need to use the Peltex that's called for to stabilize your Credit Card Caddys.
- 4) If you are making your own bias tape, DO NOT cut your bias strips from the laminated fabric. In order to apply the bias tape correctly, you need for the fabric to have the normal give and stretch that cutting on the bias provides. (Store bought bias tape is fine to use if you prefer.)

- 5) NEVER, EVER touch your hot iron directly to the laminated surface of your fabric. It is permissible to flip the vinyl-coated side face down and then press the wrong side of your fabric, OR instead, you can opt to cover the vinyl-coated side of your fabric with the protective paper it came with (grid side UP) and then press your fabric thru the paper.



6) It's important to remember that puncture holes that result from using pins on laminated fabric MAY not go away when the pin is removed. I generally try to do my pinning as much as possible, within the 1/4" seam allowance. (It's NOT always possible.)



Cutting Changes

Laminated fabric is easy to work with, BUT when the pattern instructions call for an item to be stitched wrong sides together & then turned right side out, this can sometimes be quite difficult. This added stiffness might also be problematic in certain areas for some sewing machines, so we are recommending the following cutting changes to the *Porta-PocketsPLUS Purse Insert*.

CC Caddy— Unlike the PortaPockets, you can laminate the right side of your ENTIRE pattern piece for each CC Caddy (#7). There is no need to leave the edges unlined as was the case for the Porta-Pockets & the Encore Purse Insert.

Flat Pocket & Puff Pockets— It's not absolutely necessary to apply the vinyl coating to the INSIDE area of your Flat Pocket(#5) or Puff Pockets (#1), so if you prefer for your pocket interiors to be unlined, then cut the following pieces out of plain, un-vinylized fabric; (#5) Flat Pocket in lining AND the Plank (#3) facing it. (#1) Puff Pocket in lining AND the Plank (#3) facing it.



Unlike the Porta-Pockets, we recommend that you laminate your ENTIRE CC Caddy (edge to edge).

Procedural Changes

Observing the following procedural changes will making the construction much easier & more enjoyable.

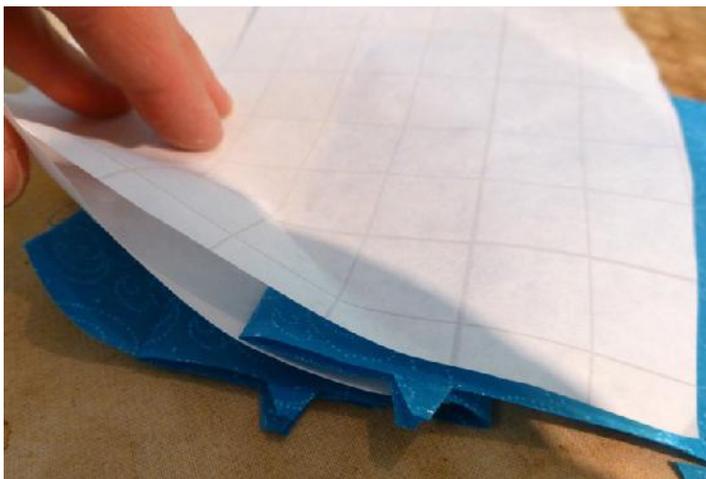
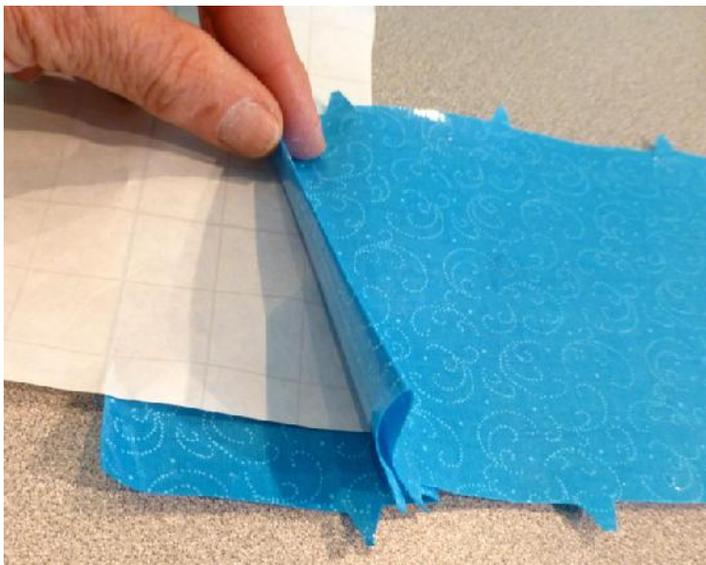
Elastic Pockets

Step 5-6 : Remembering that vinyl-coated fabric just doesn't have the same fluid movement anymore, it's very beneficial to increase the width of the "tube" in which you'll be inserting your 1/4" flat elastic. First, stitch 3/4" from the top folded edge of Elastic Pocket(#4), then stitch another line 3/4" below the first,



CC Caddys

Steps 16-28: Pressing the folds into your CC Caddy (#7) must be accomplished just a little differently to avoid the vinyl-covered folds being pressed closed. This can be avoided by simply placing small pieces of the protective paper IN BETWEEN the credit card slots.



Partitions

Step 40: Do NOT create the Partitions (#8) as per step 40 because you won't be able to turn it right side out. Instead, press over 1/4" WST on both long single-notched edges. Now fold Partition in half right sides together matching the pressed edges. Stitch edges together and then move on to step 41.



That's it!

These are the only changes that will be necessary to create a "Laminated" Porta-PocketsPLUS Purse Insert!

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