

# Out of Africa...the Purse

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# Embroidery Products

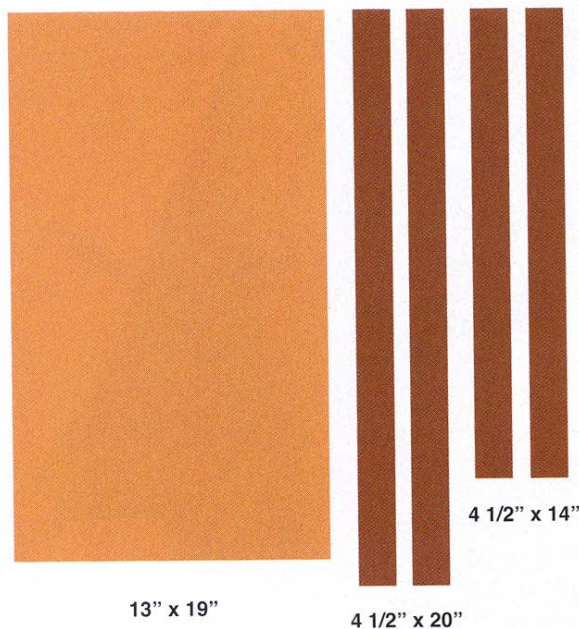
Baby Lock Safari Expedition (BLDP-P21)

## Materials

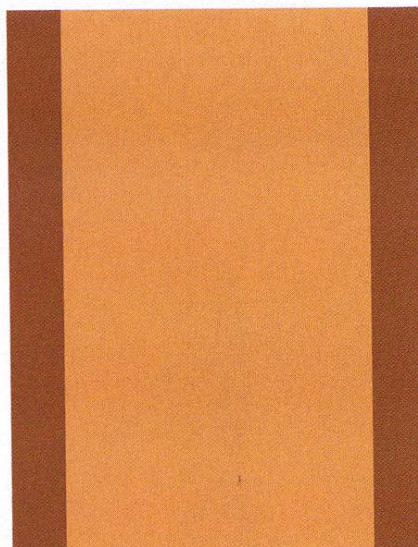
One window shade, made with lightweight, small woven reeds  
1 yd. of coordinating fabric  
Purse handles  
Crystals with hot tip applicator  
Glue stick  
Size 14 machine needles  
Embroidery thread  
Sewing thread

## Step 1. Cut and Sew

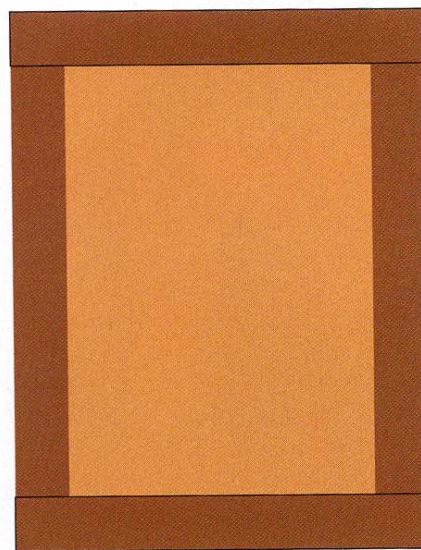
Cut the 13" x 19" body of the purse from the window shade. Cut four binding strips: (two) 4 1/2" x 20" and (two) 4 1/2" x 14" from coordinating fabric.



Press the lengthwise edges of each binding strip under 1/4". Press each binding strip in half lengthwise. With glue stick, tack each of the longer binding strips to the long sides of the purse panel. Slowly, stitch the bindings to the panel.



Again with the glue stick, tack the remaining bindings to the short ends of the purse panel. Fold under each end of the binding, before stitching the binding to the panel. Stitch slowly, to avoid breaking the needle.



## Step 2. Embroider and Embellish

Select an embroidery design from the Safari Expedition collection. Hoop stabilizer and fabric and embroider the design.

Trim the embroidered fabric to a 6 1/2" square. Turn under 1/4" of the raw edges on all sides. Randomly place crystals on the embroidery design. Heat-set the crystals in place with the applicator wand.

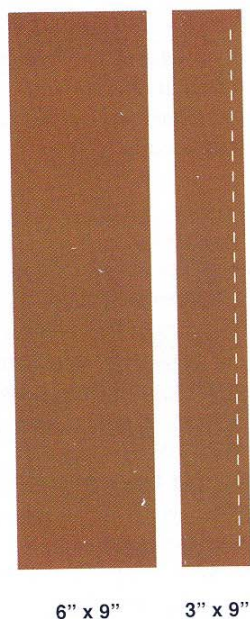
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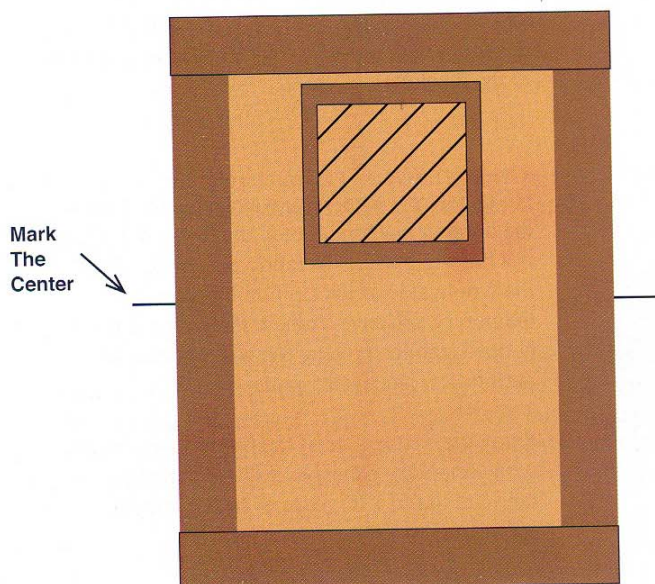
Use the glue stick to tack the embroidered fabric to the center front of the purse panel, just below the binding. Slowly stitch the embroidered fabric to the panel.

### Step 3. Sew

For the purse gussets, cut two 6" x 9" strips from the coordinating fabric. Fold in half lengthwise, right sides together. Sew a 1/4" seam, along one short side and one long side of the insets. Turn the fabric right side out and press.



Along each lengthwise edge of the purse panel, find the center and mark it with a pin.



Pin one gusset to the center mark of the purse panel, matching the center of the gusset's unstitched edge to the center markings. Sew the gusset to the panel with a 1/4" seam allowance.

Pin the sides of the gusset to the purse panel and edgestitch.

To form the boxing on the purse bottom, pinch the binding at the bottom corner of both gussets. Top stitch across the width of the binding, through all the layers.

Set the machine for a wide zigzag stitch with "0" length. Stitch the handles at the top edge of the purse, front and back.