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STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

Shweshwe Clutch Bag

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Spirit Sandals & Bags



Requirements

- 1 x Spirit Clutch Bag shell
- 4 pieces of fabric (you will use different fabric on the inside and outside)
- Tacky Glue (I like Upikit or Heritage)
- Prym or Gütermann Glue
- 1 piece of sandpaper, makeup sponges, lots of clothes pegs & cloth
- A good cup of tea or a glass of wine

Instructions

Step 1:

Sand all uneven edges of the inside of both shells until they are smooth. Lightly sand both the inside and outside of the shells.

Step 2:

The Outside

Using a paintbrush or sponge (I use a make-up wedge), coat the outside of one shell with tacky glue. The glue should not be applied in a thick layer or it will show through the fabric. As the glue dries, it should become sticky.

Step 3:

Once the glue has become tacky, apply one piece of fabric to the outside of the shell and smooth in place. The notch on the shell is the top of the bag.

Fold the excess fabric at the corners of the case. (We recommend applying an extra bit of glue here, and then rolling the corners on a flat surface to smooth the corners down). Use the clothes peg to secure the fabric all the way around the edges and allow to dry. While it dries, repeat step 2 and 3 on the other shell.

Step 4:

Once dry, trim the outer fabric as close to the edge as possible.

Step 5:

The Inside

The inside is a little bit more tricky as the fabric has a tendency to bubble in the corners. Coat the inside of the shell with tacky glue, and apply one piece of fabric once tacky. Starting on the flat section in the middle, smooth the fabric towards the sides. Smooth the fabric along the edges until it creates a fold in the corners.

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Step 6 (Optional)

Cover the inside of the shell with cling wrap and fill with rice/beans or anything heavy and malleable. Press the rice all the way into the corners, and weigh down, this helps to prevent the fabric from bubbling.

Once you've done both shells, this would be a good time to take a half hour break while the glue sets.

Make a fresh cup of tea or top up your wine glass!

Step 7

You may need to reapply glue to the inner edges and corners. Press the fabric down and fold in at the corners. Fold the fabric over the edges towards the outside, and secure all around with clothes pegs. By the time you finish the second shell, the first should have set.

Step 8

Remove the pegs, and trim the fabric to about 3mm all around. Keep the fabric folded to the outside.

Step 9

Apply the glue all around the inside of one half of the frame. (Prym glue dries clear)

Step 10

Fit one half of the shell securely into the glued half of the frame. The side with the notch (the top) will fit under the clasp.

Step 11

Using a knife or a flat nosed screwdriver, push in any fabric that is extending from either the outside or inside of the frame.

Step 12

Allow to dry before scraping the excess glue from the frame.

Step 13

Add a strap of your choice, and your bag is now ready to be used.



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