

“Sane”-Patch (not “Crazy”-patch) Party Bag

(Flora Joy’s adaptation of the “Clover Sew Sweet Satchel” from Nimble Thimble)

Cut out a solid piece of background fabric (domestic) that is 8"x20". Layer this with a very thin batting and a lining on the bottom. (Spray these pieces together so they won't slip while sewing.) Find strips of scrap fabrics and sew atop the background sandwich, making finished edges at the top and bottom.

Embellish the sewed sandwich. (I “couch” metallic threads in swirling motions—four colors at once.) You could use a wide variety of decorative threads, yarns, etc. for this embellishment.

Sew extra-wide double-fold seam binding on the right and left sides. Use a zigzag stitch.

Stitch a decorative yarn atop the sewed seam binding.

Prepare the purse fastener. (I use the magnetic snaps.) If desired, put a button atop this fastener.

Add any pockets (etc.) you would like.

Fold the bag up about six inches from the bottom. Stitch the two sides atop the yarn. (Back stitch several times at the tops and bottoms of these seams, and stitch the side seams again for extra reinforcement.)

Sew on straps.