

FLYING GEESE AS AN EMBELLISHMENT

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Adding a special detail to a purse design is an easy way to create a unique look. Details and designs can be topstitched in place or pieced to create a larger fabric. Here, Bev Young of The Glass Thimble in Columbus, Ohio made a beautiful Chloe Handbag #120 using a border of flying geese as an embellishment.

Bev made 16 flying geese units (using Lazy Girl's Flying Geese x 4 No Math ruler), sewed them together to form a border. If you haven't had a chance to try our Flying Geese ruler, this is a perfect opportunity. Our tool will make geese units in 12 sizes with no fabric waste. However, there are many ways to make flying geese units, so use the method you are most comfortable with.

After making a specialty border such as this, it can be sewn to larger pieces of fabric or topstitched to an existing piece of fabric. Try making a border design to use as an embellishment from any block design. The possibilities are as limitless as your imagination. Have fun!



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ON CHLOE HANDBAG #120

ITEMS NEEDED IN ADDITION TO CHLOE HANDBAG PATTERN AND SUPPLIES:

- Fabrics for flying geese units.
- Flying Geese x 4 No Math ruler or other resource to make geese.

MAKE A ROW OF FLYING GEESE UNITS:

- Make 16 flying geese units at finished size of 3/4" x 1 1/2". Follow the directions that came with the ruler.
- Sew geese together to form a row as shown on the bag. The geese units can all go in one direction, or mix it up a bit.
- Sew a strip of cover fabric 2 1/2" x width of bag to one edge of the geese row.
- Sew a strip of cover fabric 12 3/4" x width of bag to the other edge of the geese row.
- Press all seams away from geese row.
- Your cover fabric with geese row is ready to go. Construct the Chloe Handbag as directed in the pattern.

OTHER IDEAS:

- Now you have the working dimensions for adding any 1 1/2" finished size detail where the geese are located. Consider adding ribbon, a solid fabric, gathered fabric, etc.
- To topstitch a row in place, make sure the edges of the row are finished. Either fold them under or use a surface technique such as a satin stitch or buttonhole stitch to finish.
- Think of this space as a 'window' that needs to be dressed. You can't go wrong.

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FLYING GEESE X 4 RULER

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