

Jordis Crossbar Clutch

From The Happy Bicycle by **Kathy McGee**

Class Description

The Jordis Crossbar Clutch is a convertible. When on a ride, wear it messenger style or fold it neatly over your bike to carry essentials to and from. The Jordis can also be worn as a regular clutch or a cross-body handbag.

Students will learn to sew a zipper with lining, attaching hardware and hook & loop tape. At the end of the class, students will have their very own bike and fashion accessory.

Skill Level: Advanced beginner - Intermediate

Class Length

3 hour class (with fabric pieces cut out prior to class).

Or a 4 hour class (with fabric pieces cut out in class).

Class Supply List

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- Decorator weight cotton fabric: 44" wide, 1/2 yard
- Cotton: 44" wide, 1/2 yard for lining
- Mid-weight, fusible interfacing: 20" wide, 5/8 yard
- Webbing: 1" wide, 1 3/4 yard
- Hook-and-loop tape: 3/4" wide, 6" length
- D-rings: 1" size, 4
- Swivel hooks: 1" size, 2
- Zipper: 12" length
- Ribbon: 1/8" wide, 6" length
- Coordinating thread
- Pins
- Scissors
- Rotary cutter
- Clear, gridded ruler
- Cutting mat
- Sewing machine
- Reflective tape (optional): 1" wide, 13 1/2" length
- Bicycle (optional)

Tips:

- Have extra webbing available for making shoulder straps of different lengths

- Students might want to try larger, long pins for pinning through the heavy cotton and webbing or they might want to try binding clips to hold the webbing straps in place while they sew.
- #14 or #16 needles for sewing the heavy cotton and webbing.

Classroom Preparation

Each student will need ample space to cut and sew.

Set up ironing stations

Class Agenda

Following instructions for cutting and sewing on pages 48-54:

- Have students cut out the fabric and interfacing pieces before class.
- Make the pocket
- Make the back straps
- Sew the hook-and-loop tape
- Sew the zipper
- Sew the bag together
- Make the strap
- Try on bike and play with wearable options (cross-body, shoulder, or clutch).