

# Book Purse

## Supplies

Hard cover book with fun, colorful cover  
½ yard of fabric  
12 inches of ¾" Ribbon  
Wood bead  
Cardboard

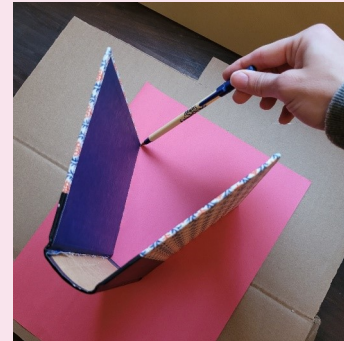
Cardstock paper  
Manila folder or cardstock  
Scissors  
Utility knife  
Hot glue gun and gluesticks  
Pen/pencil



**Step One:** Carefully remove pages from book by cutting along creases inside of spine.



**Step Two:** Stand up book on a piece of paper and trace trapezoid shape to make a pattern for sides of your purse. Cut out pattern adding ½ inch to each side of the traced pattern.



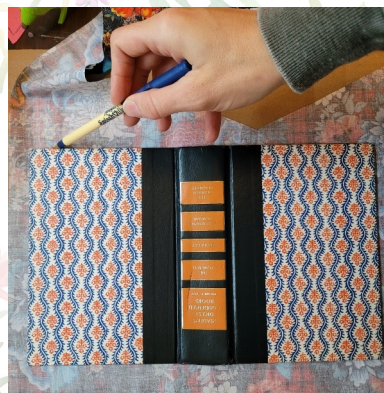
**Step Three:** Fold fabric in half and lay flat to cut pattern out. Be sure fold is on longest side of the trapezoid shape, opposite shortest side. Once cut out, use hot glue to seal remaining three edges. Repeat to make other side piece and set pieces aside.



**Step Four:** Cut out six strips of manila folder or cardstock approximately ½ inch wide, the lengths of book cover, not including spine.



**Step Five:** Take cover and lay flat onto remaining fabric, trace with pen. Cut out adding ½ inch of extra space around rectangular pattern. Now glue folder/paper strips along inside edge of traced pattern on fabric rectangle. Fold outer edges of fabric over paper, glue down, and set aside.



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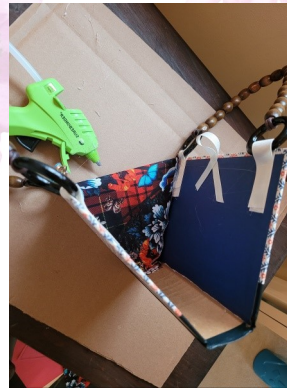


**Step Six:** Trace spine of pages previously removed onto a piece of cardboard. Cut out rectangle and completely wrap in fabric and hot glue. Set aside.



**Step Seven:** Cut two 6" pieces of ribbon. Attach wood bead to one piece in center, with a knot below bead. Glue ends to center of one side of book cover, allowing bead to hang over top. On opposite side, glue other piece of ribbon into a loop that will fit over bead. This is the closure for purse opening.

**Step Eight:** Grab two side pieces made in **Step Three**. Glue to inside edges of each book cover end. *This can be challenging! Tip: Try standing book up on to the fabric and hold in place while gluing.*



**Step Nine:** Attach fabric rectangle from **Step Five** to complete lining of purse, thoroughly gluing edges into place. Take wrapped cardboard from **Step Six** and insert into bottom of purse. Secure with glue.



**Personalization Ideas:** Have fun with your book cover and fabric selection! Get creative with your bead or shank buttons or add handles (can be purchased from Amazon) during **Step Seven**. Don't forget to show us your fabulous creations on our Way Public Library Facebook page!

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