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Oh Della...what fun we can have with you!! Please visit the Swoon Sewing Patterns website to purchase the pattern so you can create your own unique Della Wallet Clutch!!

Look how much fun you can have with fabric if you split up the pleated panel with different fabrics. I like to split pleats because it makes creating the pleat much easier and the pleat is much crisper.



At step 6 in the Della instructions, instead of having one long piece of fabric you will need to create each section for pleating including the fusible interfacing.

From fabric you will need to cut

- 2 pieces 2 1/2 inches by 8 1/2 inches
- 4 pieces 4 3/4 inches by 8 1/2 inches
- 1 piece 11 1/4 inches by 8 1/2 inches

From fusible woven interfacing you will need to cut

- 2 pieces 2 1/4 inches by 8 1/2 inches
- 4 pieces 4 1/4 inches by 8 1/2 inches
- 1 piece 10 3/4 inches by 8 1/2 inches



Figure 1-interfacing with seam allowance

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First fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of each of the 5 larger pieces, centering it so there is a 1/4 inch seam allowance along the 8 1/2 inch edge of each piece. Each small 2 1/2 inch piece of fabric will only need a 1/4 inch seam allowance along one of the 8 1/2 inch edges.



Figure 2-arrange pieces

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Arrange your pieces so you have 1 small piece on each end, 2 medium pieces next to each of those with the largest piece in the center. There are a total of 7 pieces to layout with the 8 1/2 inch edges matching.



Figure 3-use lots of clips to match edges along 8 1/2 inch side

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Match the 8 1/2 inch long edges with seam allowance right sides together. Pin or clip in place. I like to use lots of clips because I cannot poke my fingers with them!!



Figure 4-stitching seam allowance

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Stitch your edges together with 1/4 inch seam allowance getting close to the interfacing, but, try not to stitch on the interfacing as it may bulk up the finished pleat.

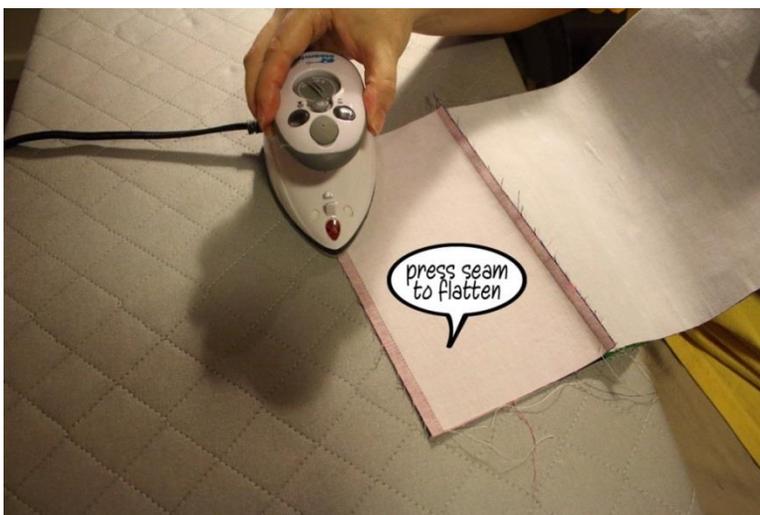


Figure 5-setting the seam

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From the wrong side, press each seam flat to set.



Figure 6-pressing seam to one side

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From the right side, press the seam allowances to one side. [The iron is the SteamFast SF-717 Home-and-Away Mini Steam Iron...I ordered from Amazon]



Figure 7-pressing pleats at seam

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Press each seam with wrong sides together trying to create a straight pleat with the seam centered and fabric on each side.



Figure 8-top-stitch each pressed seam

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Topstitch each pleat at 1/8 inch from pressed edge. I like to set my stitch length at 3mm for top stitching.

You now have the panel with pleats and are ready to mark and finish following the pattern instructions.

You can continue with the pattern instructions where it says...

"Now, fold the entire Pleated Panel....."