



## Framed Hexie Clutch

Looking for a special clutch purse for a day out? Our fun Framed Hexie Clutch has just the right amount of 'zing' with a bright double pieced hexagon stripe. This purse has a rounded base, and is roomy enough to fit most things you'll need to take with you.



Purse is 7 ½ inches wide x 4 ½ inches high and 2 ¼ inches deep.

### You Will Need:

¼ metre ( ¼ yard) plain white fabric for outer and lining

Scraps of bright printed fabric for the hexagons

Piece of light-weight fusible pellon measuring 8 x 11 ½ inches

¼ metre ( ¼ yard) medium-weight fusible interfacing

14 inch length of thin piping cord

7 ½ inch straight metal purse frame

Light cardboard for making hexagons

Fabric or strong adhesive glue to glue the frame to the fabric bag



## Bag Construction:

Please read all instructions fully before beginning. All measurements are in inches, and unless stated otherwise, a ¼ inch seam allowance has been used.

Referring to the attached Cutting Guide, carefully cut the required pieces from the purse fabrics, and interfacing as required. Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the purse outer piece as indicated in the Cutting Guide. The lining is also interfaced. Fuse the pella to the wrong side of the purse outer too.

## Hexagons:



You will need to make about 20 hexagon shapes for this pieced stripe. Using the template provided, trace and cut these shapes from the light cardboard / thick paper. Place a hexie shape on the wrong side of your fabric and cut around it, leaving about a ¼ inch fabric allowance on all sides.

Thread a needle with a contrasting thread, knot the end and fold the fabric to the back over the hexagon shape, securing with a simple running stitch, one side at a time.

Cover all your shapes, then arrange in a double row as shown above. Use a matching thread to sew them together in rows first, then sew the two rows together. To join two hexagons together, hold with right sides together and edges matching and whip stitch carefully at the top to secure that seam.





When your strip has been sewn, press well and remove the basting running stitches.

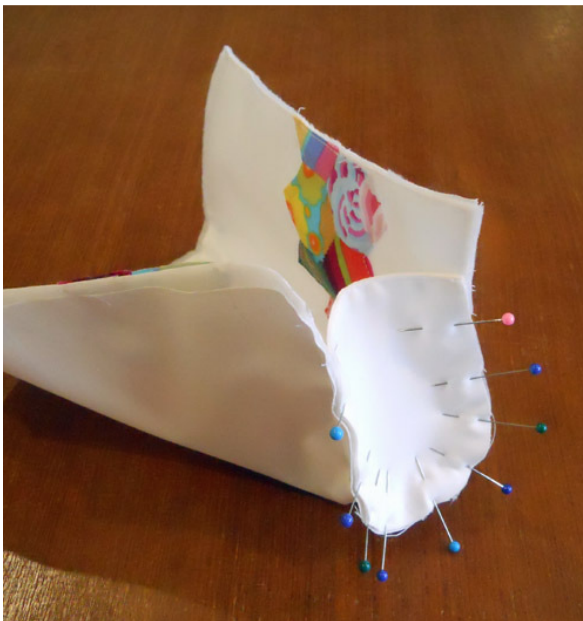
#### Assembly:



Position the hexie strip on the purse outer as shown, slightly to one side.

Pin and topstitch down both sides to secure.

Now lay the un-interfaced side piece on the wrong side of that panel, and sew a scant seam to secure the two pieces together. Make sure to leave one end open, as this piece forms a pocket to insert the template plastic into later.



Fold both the purse outer and the gusset piece to find the centre points, then align them and pin outwards from there, so that right sides are together.

Sew the gusset and repeat for the other side.

Turn purse right sides out.



## Lining:

Make the purse lining with the remaining interfaced purse side, and the two un-interfaced gusset pieces. It is made in the same way as you did for the purse outer.

Place the purse into the lining and carefully pin together, matching side seams.

Sew together around the top, leaving one whole top edge unsewn. This **MUST** be the same side that you left open on the inner template plastic gusset.

Trim corners and clip the seams diagonally at the gusset top corners and turn right sides out through the gap left open. Push the lining into the purse outer and press to flatten seams.

Now insert the template plastic into the pocket in the purse. You may need to trim to fit, and do round the corners slightly too.



To finish the final edge, first check the finished height against the other edge and just sew a couple of rows of stitching close together at the top as shown.

Trim close to that stitching and you are ready to add the purse frame.

(Fold the top of each gusset in half to crease it so the fold points inwards too.)

Add the metal frame to finish. Carefully apply your glue to the inside of the frame and using a pointed tool (like a knitting needle or bamboo skewer), push the top of the fabric purse into the frame well.


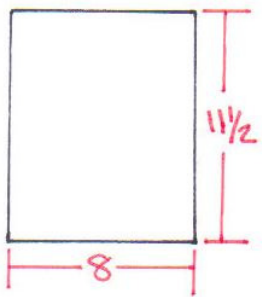

If required, (so that the fabric is squished tightly into the frame,) once the fabric is in, on the inside of the purse, cut a length of thin piping cord and using your tool again, wedge it up under the frame. You will need to do this on the final edge side, but the sewn and turned one may be fat enough. The fabric must be tight in the frame. Leave glue to set.

You will find it easier to do one side and allow it to set for a little while before you turn it over and glue the other side of the frame.

If your frame has little hooks, you can choose to attach a metal chain if you'd like, to finish.



## Framed Hexie Clutch Cutting Guide

	<p>Cut the required number of each piece according to the measurements on each diagram.</p> <p><b>* Please note – all measurements are in inches.</b></p>
 <p>Side</p>	<p>Cut 3 white fabric  Cut 2 medium-weight interfacing  Cut 1 pellon  Cut 1 template plastic</p> <p>*If your purse frame is longer, just adjust the width to suit. Purse frame width plus ½ inch seam allowances.</p>
 <p>Gusset Template</p>	<p>Cut 4 white fabric  Cut 2 medium-weight interfacing</p>

