



## Clamshell purse pattern

Pattern # tppatpf18



### Finished dimensions

- 7" (8cm) x 3½" (9cm) x 2½" (6.3cm) deep

### You will need

- One pf18 clamshell purse kit (as shown below) available to purchase online from Tall Poppy Craft Products :: [www.tallpoppycraft.com](http://www.tallpoppycraft.com). The kit contains the shiny silver frame and two hard plastic cases.



clamshell purse kit #pf18

- Outer fabric: 11" (28cm) x 7½" (19cm) – thin fabric works best for this project. Fabric thicker than quilting weight fabric may not be suitable.
- Lining fabric: As above
- PVA craft glue available to purchase online from Tall Poppy Craft Products :: [www.tallpoppycraft.com](http://www.tallpoppycraft.com) (we recommend PVA as it is water-based and easy to clean up, stronger glue can be used if you wish)
- A paint brush
- A pair of household pliers
- A sponge or a handful of scrap fabric

## Instructions

### Step 1

Enlarge pattern by 200%. Cut pattern piece out and cut fabric as shown on pattern piece.

### Step 2

**Outer fabric:** Use a paint brush to spread PVA glue over the entire outer side of the hard plastic cases (including the top edge) (Fig 1). **Note:** Be careful not to put the glue on too thickly as it will seep through to the outside of your fabric and will leave a dark mark when it dries.

### Step 3

Gently smooth the fabric over the case using a sponge or a handful of scrap fabric and gently fold each of the corners in (Figs 2, 3, & 4). Attach laundry pegs around the top edge of the case (Fig 5). Wait for the glue to dry and then trim the fabric so that it is even with the edge of the case and there is minimal overhang (Fig 6).

### Step 4

**Lining:** Use a paint brush to spread PVA glue over the entire inner section of the hard plastic cases (including the top edge where the outer fabric finishes). **Note:** Be careful not to put the glue on too thickly as it will seep through to the outside of your fabric and will leave a dark mark when it dries.

### Step 5

Gently smooth the fabric over the case using a sponge or a handful of scrap fabric and gently smooth down the inside corners (Fig 7). Wait for the glue to dry and then trim the fabric so that there is approximately 2mm of overhang (Figs 8 & 9). Push each of the cases into the frame and check around the outer rims to make sure that there are no visible raw edges. If there are, cut back the overhanging sections of fabric.

### Step 6

When you are happy that there are no visible raw edges, remove the case from the frame and squirt a small amount of glue into the crevice on the metal frame (Fig 10). Push the case into the frame and hold down for a few seconds. To ensure that the case is extra secure in the frame, you may like to lightly crimp the frame together over the case using a pair of regular household pliers. Be sure to use several layers of scrap fabric for protection against scratching and denting.



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3



Fig 4



Fig 5



Fig 6



Fig 7



Fig 8



Fig 9



Fig 10



Completed purse

