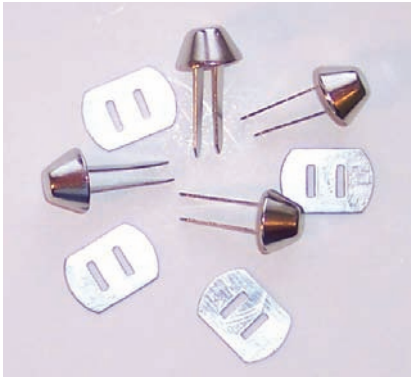


# Purse Feet Tutorial

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Don't let these tiny pieces of hardware intimidate you! They are simple to use in your bag making projects, and will add a professional air to your finished bag! If you have ever attached a magnetic snap to a bag, these are very similar in nature! If not, don't worry . . . here is the low-down!

Obviously, the best time to add purse feet to a bag project is during the bag construction process if possible. If you are like me, I have many finished bags I would like to go back and add a set . . . either way, it is easy!

## For a Bag Project in Progress:

Supplies needed: sharp X-acto craft knife or similar, water soluble fabric marking pen, and of course a set of my gorgeous Purse Feet ☺.

1. In most cases, a set of 4 Purse Feet can be added immediately after inserting your plastic needlepoint canvas piece into the bag's bottom. Follow the instructions below beginning with Step 4. Turn your bag bottom end up . . .

## For a Finished Bag:

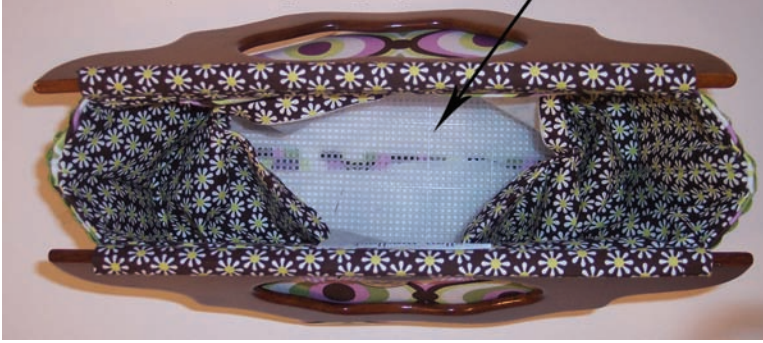
Supplies needed: sharp X-acto craft knife or similar, seam ripper, heavy duty fabric glue, water soluble fabric marking pen and last but not least – a set of my super duper wonderful Purse Feet, in gold or silver ☺.

1. Working on a bag with a center bottom seam along the inside lining, go ahead and pull the lining up and out of the bag, so that it is accessible for you to work with . . . (in the image I am working on a Preppy Mini-Tote Bag)
2. Leaving about an inch on each end of the seam intact, using the seam ripper, rip out the center section of the seam.

This is necessary so that you will be able to get your hand inside the Wrong Side of the bag to work securing the purse feet in place. See Photo.



Looking down into bag, viewing the plastic needlepoint canvas inside.



3. Once the seam is open, and you have plenty of access, push the lining back down inside the bag. Pull the access hole open so you can view the bag's bottom – looking into its Wrong Side. You will now be able to see the piece of plastic needlepoint canvas added during bag construction. See Photo.

4. Now you are “open for business” so to speak! Turn your bag bottom end up, working on its Right Side. Using your water soluble fabric marking pen, make four guide marks indicating where you would like each of your feet to be placed. Use your best judgment, or evenly measure from the sides, but be sure they are all in alignment up and down, and across from each other. Don't place them too close to the bottom's sides, or edges, you'll want a bit of breathing room for each. I usually make my guide marks approximately 1" inside the four corners of the bag's bottom. See Photo.



Mark all four corner areas similarly, in preparation for purse feet.

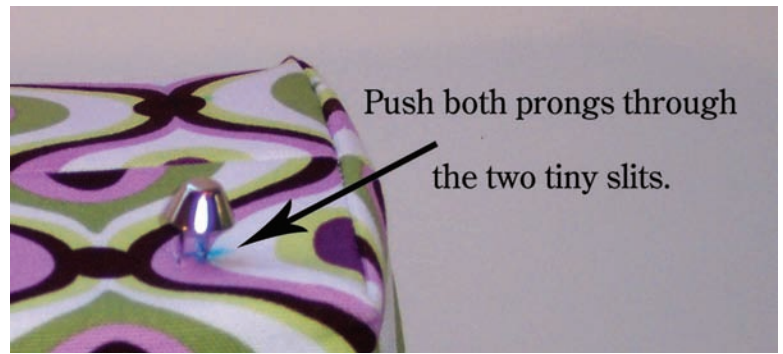


5. Open your Purse Feet Set. There will be 4 of the purse feet, and 4 washers. Working with each of the purse feet individually, open the prongs away from each other just a bit so that they are parallel to each other, and about 1/4" apart.

6. You will now need to use the open seam and insert your hand to help you through this Step. On one of your guide marks, VERY CAREFULLY make a small slit using the X-acto knife point, just long enough for a prong of the purse foot to slide into. The trick here is that you have to cut through the outer purse fabric, and ALSO through the plastic needlepoint canvas of the bag's bottom WITHOUT CUTTING YOURSELF!! Do NOT cut your bag's lining!



7. Now create a second tiny slit with the X-acto knife tip about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the first slit. This will be for the other prong of the purse foot. Once both small slits are made, insert your first purse foot piece, placing each individual prong into its own personal little slit! Make sure both prongs go all the way through the plastic needlepoint canvas.



8. Once both prongs are through the fabric and plastic, working from the inside – Wrong side of the bag – slide the washer over both prongs. Bend the prongs completely over to secure the purse foot tightly to the bottom of the bag! Repeat this procedure for all four purse feet and their respective washers.

To close up the center bottom seam used to access the bags Wrong Side . . . use a bit of fabric glue, and slightly overlap the seam. It will be fine, and you will be finished with 4 new purse feet to help protect the bottom of your cute bag!

*Thanks for taking this Tutorial, and Happy Sewing!*

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