With the purse main body, place a pleat in the center until it measures 12" across. Stitch across the top and bottom to hold in place. Repeat with the other side 2 Mark where you want the two zip pockets on the outer front. Use the pockets outside pattern piece to create the outer pockets. 3 Place one pocket piece right side down. Place your zipper 1" down from the top edge.

Mark four corners around

the zipper.

4	Take off the zipper and sew and rectangle hitting all four corners.	
5	Cut down the center and a V into each corner.	
6	Turn the purse body over and pull the pocket through. Iron until the cut rectangle is flat.	
7	Place the zipper on the wrong side with is showing through the hole. From the right side, pin around the zipper and sew in place.	



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with the other pocket.

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10	Add optional ribbon 2" down from the top. This will hold the pleat in place. I put it on both sides.	
11	Take one main purse piece and the LONG purse side piece. Sew right sides together, starting at upper right hand corner, sew down the side, around the corner, along the bottom, corner, and up the other side. Repeat with the other main purse side. You now have a complete outer purse.	
12	Create the inner pockets. Use the inside pocket piece. Take one of lining fabric and one of main fabric. Sew	

	Right sides together along top edge only. Turn and topstitch along top edge. Repeat with second pocket.	
13	Baste the pockets to the purse lining body by lining up the bottom edge and baste the sides together.	
14	Sew lining together as you did the outer purse in step 11. Now you have a complete lining {with two side pockets} and a complete purse outer {with tow zip pockets}	
15	Straps! Sew one leather and one main piece together, right sides together. Turn out. Adjust length to suit	

your taste. Starting 5" from the end, pinch the strap in half and sew 1/3" inch from the side. Repeat with other strap.



16 Baste the straps to the purse outer, right sides together.
With right sides together, sew the purse lining to the purse outer around the top.
Leave a 4" opening to turn.



