Learn how to texture fabric with your 5-thread serger’s Chain Stitch.

Shopping List:
- ¾ yard fabric
- ½ yard lining to match fabric
- 1 yard heavy fusible stabilizer
- 2 spools Pearl Crown Rayon (YLI)
- Rayon machine embroidery thread to match the Pearl Crown Rayon
- 3 cones all-purpose thread for Serger
- 1 spool all-purpose thread for sewing machine
- Purse magnet
- Water soluble fabric marker
- Rotary cutter, mat and ruler
Fabric Preparation:

1. Cutting the fabric –
   Cut one each from both the fabric and the interfacing
   • Flap – 7” x 12”
   • Clutch body – 11” x 13½”
   • Flap border strips – 3” x 12”

   Cut one each from the Lining fabric
   • Flap lining – 5 ½” x 11”
   • Clutch lining – 11” x 13½”

   Rosette - Cut one from the outer fabric -
   • 1¾” x 14”

2. Apply the interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric for the flap, clutch body and flap border strips.

3. Cut the 3 border strips from the prepared border strip fabric.

4. Using a water soluble marker, **mark on the wrong side** of the fabric pieces and lining as follows:
   • Measure up 6½” from each side and from the bottom edge of both the lining and Clutch Body; mark a line for the fold.
   • Mark a dot for the magnet placement on the clutch body, 3½” from bottom edge and in the center.
   • Mark a dot for the magnet placement on the right side of the flap lining, 1½” from the top edge and in the center.
   • Mark multiple lines, spaced ½”, both vertically and horizontally creating a grid on the wrong side of the Flap.
5. Rosette –
   b. Trim one end of the rosette strip to round off corner.
   c. With right side facing up, and raw edge even with cutting blade, serger the edge of the strip with the rounded corner, creating a rolled hem along the edge.

At the Serger:

- Mark a grid on the flap, space lines 1/2” apart.
- Finish this side of the strip with a rolled hem.
- Hand stitch to gather fabric.
d. Using a hand sewing needle and a strand of thread, gather the straight edge of the strip. Knot the end of the thread, begin sewing at the squared end, making running stitches ¼” away from the raw edge, continue to stitch to the rounded end. Slide the fabric along the thread towards the knotted end to gather the fabric, rolling the strip to form a loose rosette shape. When the fabric is gathered and rolled, take several stitches to secure ends together, secure end of thread with several stitches.

6. Flap – Chainstitch Texturing-
   a. Prepare the serger for Program D – Chainstitch. Follow instructions in machine manual for machine set-up and for threading. Use all-purpose thread in the needle and one spool of the Pearl Crown Rayon in the chainstitch looper. Since the decorative part of this stitch is the chain, the stitching will be done on the wrong side of the fabric.
   b. With the wrong side of the fabric facing up, begin stitching directly on one of the lines. Continue stitching to the edge of the fabric; remove the fabric from the serger.
   c. Continue to stitch on all of the lines until the entire flap is textured with the chain stitch. Press.
   d. Trim the fabric to 5½” x 11”.

Hint: Easily remove the fabric at the end of a chainstitch seam by doing the following:
   • Stop sewing
   • Turn the hand-wheel towards you until the needles are in the lowest position, immediately turn the hand-wheel backward to raise the needles to the highest position. This will clear the needle thread from the chainstitch looper and allow the threads to pull easily through the machine.
   • Pinch the end of the stitching between your forefinger and your thumb while taking the fabric out from under the presser foot. This will keep the chain stitches from unraveling when removing the fabric from the serger.
Flap Borders –

e. Prepare the standard sewing machine with a straight stitch and the all-purpose thread.

f. With right sides together, pin one of the side border strips to the right edge of the flap, having the raw edge of the strip ¾” from the raw edge of the flap.

g. Using a ¼” seam, stitch along the right edge of the strip.

h. Fold over the border piece to the right side up. Press.

i. Repeat with this procedure with left side border piece, using the left edge of the flap and border strip.

j. Apply the lower border strip to the lower edge in this same manner.

k. Using a rotary cutter and ruler, trim flap to 5½” x 11”.

7. Clutch Construction –

a. With right sides together, pin lower edge of flap to upper edge of the clutch body, having raw edges even. Stitch using a ½” seam. *Please note all seams will be ½” unless otherwise indicated.*
b. Pin lower edge of flap lining to upper edge of lining body, having raw edges even. Stitch, leaving a break in the seam line (about 6”) as an opening for turning.

c. Press seam towards the flaps. Attach the ½ of the purse magnet to the right side of the clutch body on placement marking.

d. Cut a small piece of interfacing and fuse it to the wrong side of the flap lining under the magnet placement marking. Attach the other half of the purse magnet to the right side of the flap lining at magnet marking.
e. With right sides together, pin flap to flap lining and lower edges of the clutch body and the lining together. Stitch the flap starting at the seam line and ending at the other seam line on the other side. Stitch across the bottom edge, leaving sides below the flap open.


g. With right sides together, bring bottom seam to flap seam, folding the clutch body on foldline and the lining on foldline. Pin sides together. Stitch side seams of the lining sections together, stopping stitching at flap seam line, being careful not to catch in the seam allowances of the other sections in stitching. Stitch side seams of the clutch body sections, stopping stitching at flap seam line, being careful not to catch in the seam allowances of the lining.
h. Carefully press the side seams open.

i. Box the corners by stitching 3/8" across the bottom corner seams of both the lining and the clutch body sections.

j. Turn to the right side out through the opening of the lining. Bring the lining to the inside of the clutch body. Press.

k. Slip stitch opening closed.

l. Hand sew the rosette to the lower right corner of the flap.