

# Paper Purses! 3 Ways of Embellishing

**Save this tutorial in a folder or print it to keep in your crafting area. This document includes directions for creating a paper purse from a 6" x 12" sheet of patterned paper AND three ways of embellishing. All supplies used for the instructions are Stampin' Up! supplies.**



Measurements are given width x length.

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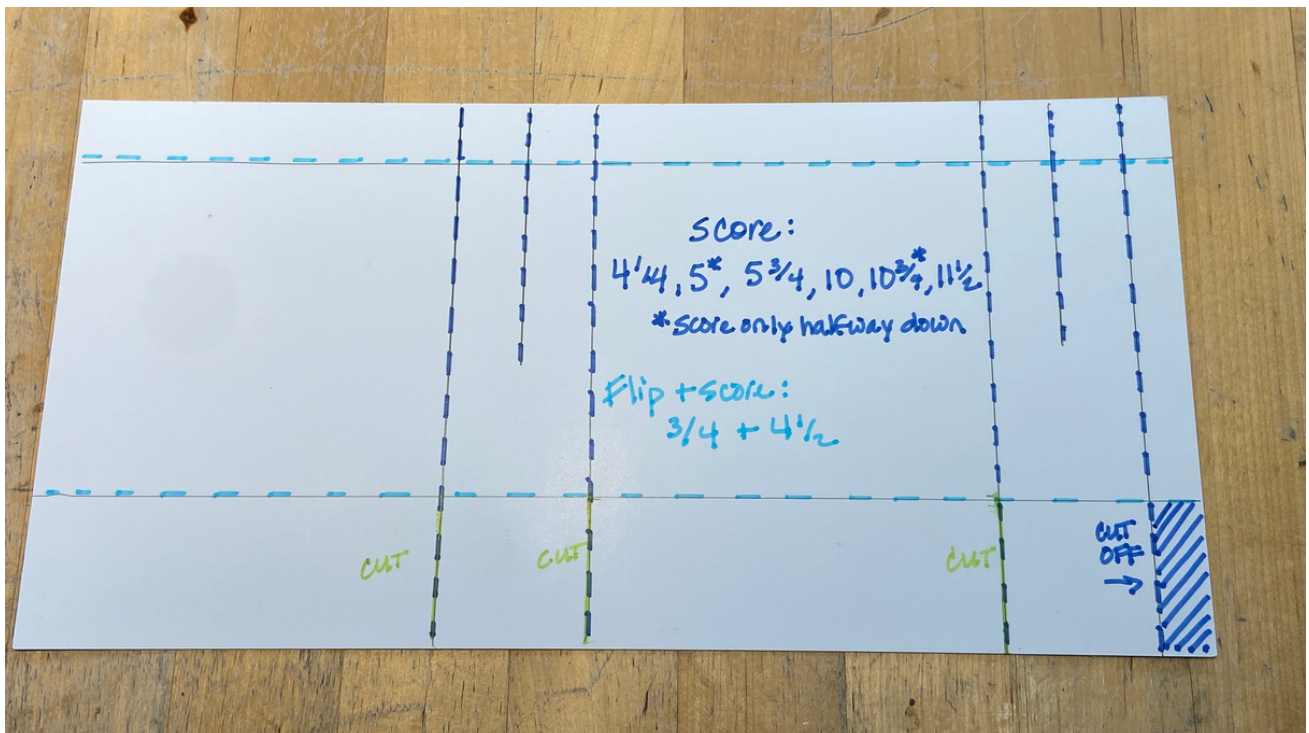
# Directions for a Paper Purse with Embellishments

## Supplies:

- Paper trimmer with scorer
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Adhesive Velcro or magnets
- Bone Folder
- Multipurpose Liquid Glue #110755
- Paper Piercer or hole punch
- Optional X-acto knife
- Various shaped Dies for closure &
- Embellishments

Each purse uses a 6" x 12" piece of patterned paper. If your paper is directional, you'll want to be sure to cut it so the directional pattern is seen in the horizontal view. I used the Flowering Zinnias Designer Series Paper #163469 for my instructions, but you can use any fun patterns.

You'll also need one 1" x 8-1/2" solid color handle & two of the same sized shapes for the closure. Three styles of closures are shown. You can use any shapes for the closure, as long as they are smaller than 3-1/2" in diameter.



### 6" x 12" piece of patterned paper

Score: 4-1/4", 5"\*, 5-3/4", 10", 10-3/4"\* & 11-1/2" (\*score only half way down)

Flip and score: 3/4" & 4-1/2"

Cut off bottom right corner (shown) &  
cut up 3 bottom sections to score line (shown)



### Purse #1

- Closure made with the largest elongated hexagon from the Nested Essential Dies #161597.
- Cut two.
- Flower is made from two 1-1/2" circles & one brad.
- 1" x 8-1/2" handle



### Purse #2

- Closure made with the 2nd largest elongated octagon from the Countryside Corners Dies #161471. 3" wide and 4-1/2" long.
- Cut two.
- Bow is made from the Mini Pocket Envelope Dies #159167.
- 1" x 8-1/2" handle



### Purse #3

- Closure made with the largest circle (3" diameter) from Stylish Shapes Dies #159183.
- Cut two.
- Tassels are made from the Paper Florist Dies #161284. Cut 4 of one color and 2 of a contrasting color.
- Twine/string
- 1" x 8-1/2" handle

**\*All three styles (1, 2 & 3) are made with the same purse base directions.**

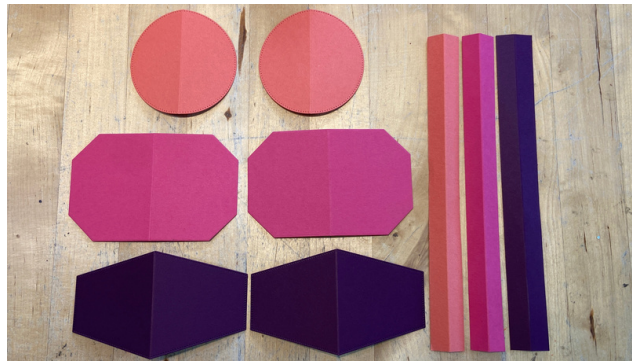
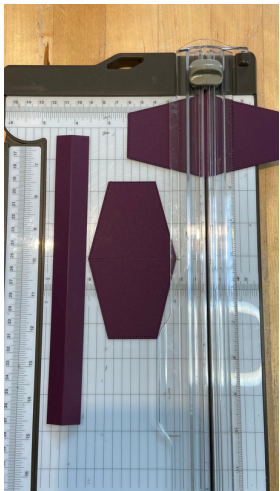


6" x 12" piece of patterned paper

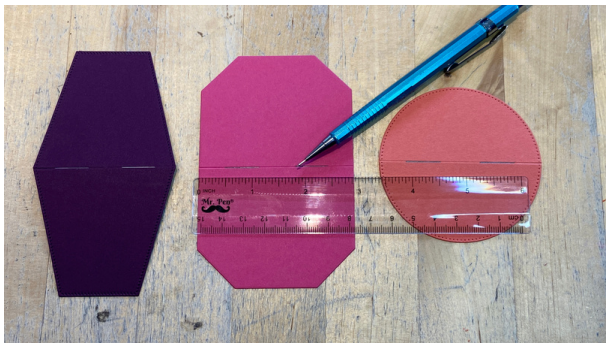
- Score: 4-1/4", 5"\* , 5-3/4", 10", 10-3/4"\* & 11-1/2" (\*score only half way down).
- Flip and score: 3/4" & 4-1/2".
- Cut off bottom right corner (shown) & cut up 3 bottom sections to score line (shown).



- Fold down top 3/4" (along score line) so it will be on the inside of the box.
- Glue it down and re-fold the score lines to get crisp edges on the folded sections.



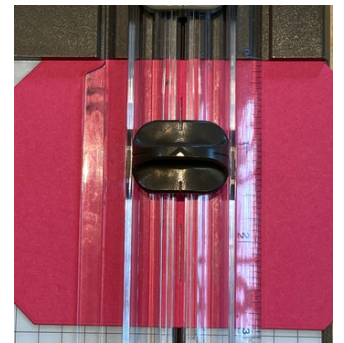
Score in half both pieces of whichever purse closure you will be using, as well as scoring the handle in half.

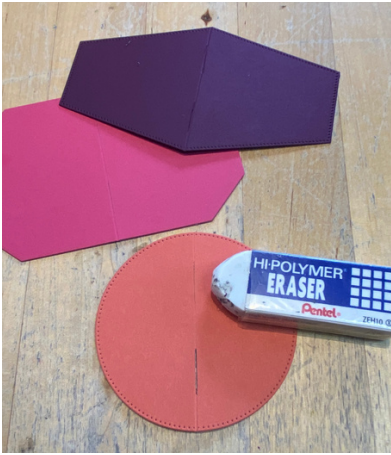


On the score line of ONE of the closure pieces, mark with a pencil two 3/4" long marks. Your handle will be inserted into these points.



Cut the pencil markings either with an X-acto knife or your paper trimmer.

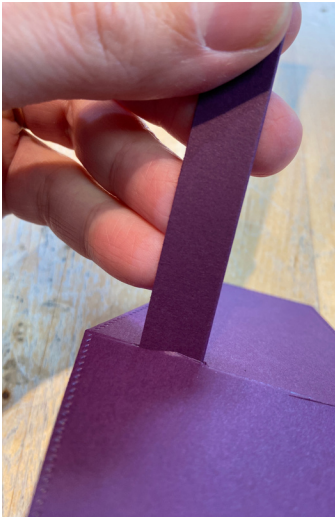




Erase the pencil markings



Snip approx. 1/2" on top & bottom of handle and then glue closed (but don't glue the section you just cut).



Insert one side of handle into slit.



Open up & put glue on either side.



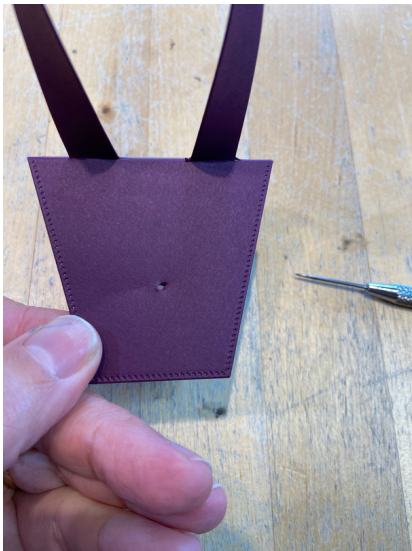
Press down to stick.



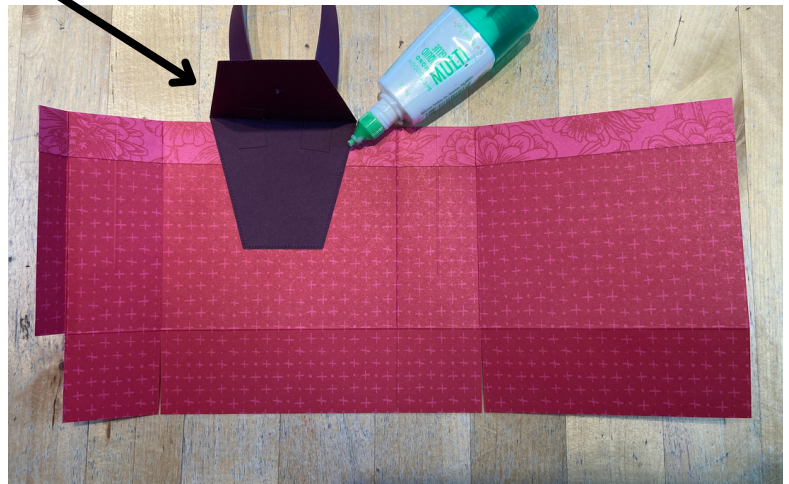
Repeat with other side.



The purple is slightly higher than the base (about 1/8")



\*If you are going to add an embellishment to your purse that needs a hole, you will need to pierce or punch a hole now. Purse 1 & 3 needs holes.



Glue the handled piece to the base, centering between the score lines.

\*Raise it slightly above the top base edge. This small amount will help in closing the purse.



If creating either a crinkly flower (1) or tassel (3) embellishment, you need to do this step before putting your purse together.

## Crinkly Flower

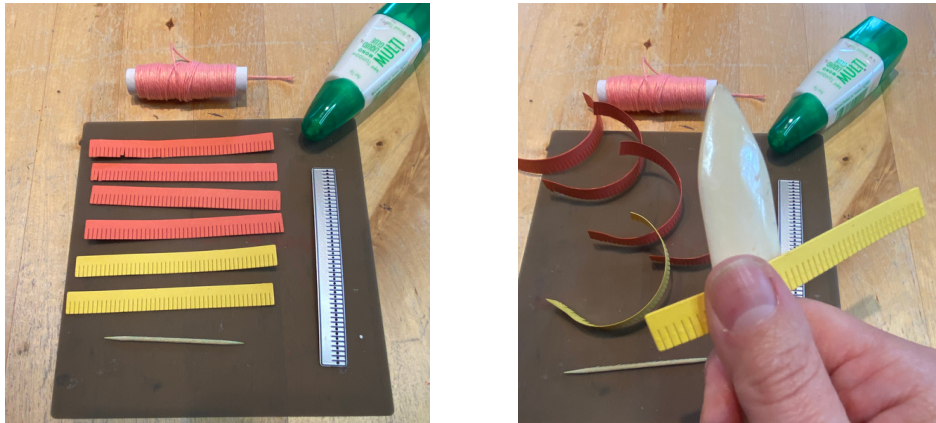


- Crinkle, smooch, fold up & roll into a ball your two circles to break the fibers of the paper down. Unfold.
- Spit each circle in half (the fiber break down makes this easier).

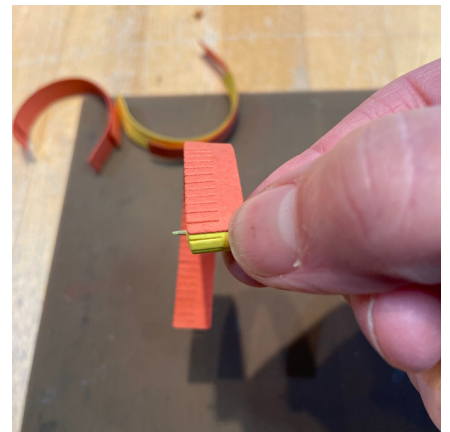
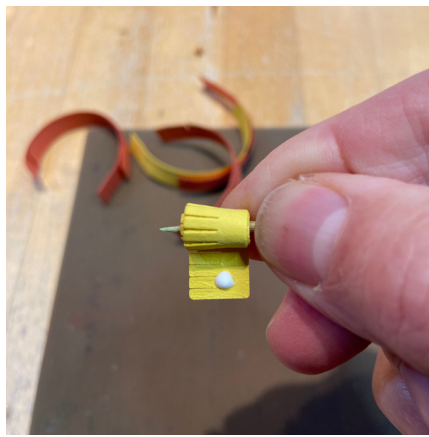


- Stack the four circles together and piece a hole through them.
- Insert brad through the hole and attach to the front closure.

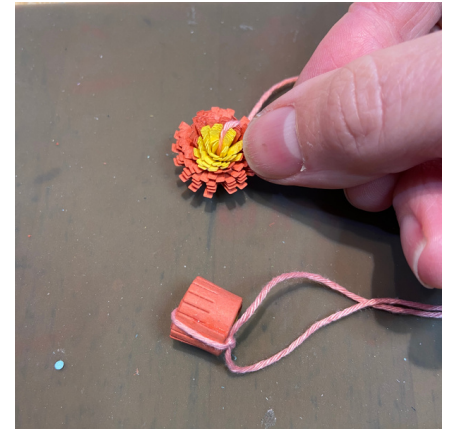
## Tassel



- Tassels are made from the Paper Florist Dies #161284.
- Cut 4 of one color and 2 of a contrasting color.
- With a bone folder, curl the fringe pieces.
- If you don't have these dies, you can create your own fringe pieces: 1/2" x 3", fringed with scissors.



- Roll the inside color tightly around a toothpick
- When you come to end, add a tiny dot of glue & add the outside color, keeping the fringe in the same direction.
- Repeat with 2nd outside color. Glue closed.
- Repeat process for second tassel.

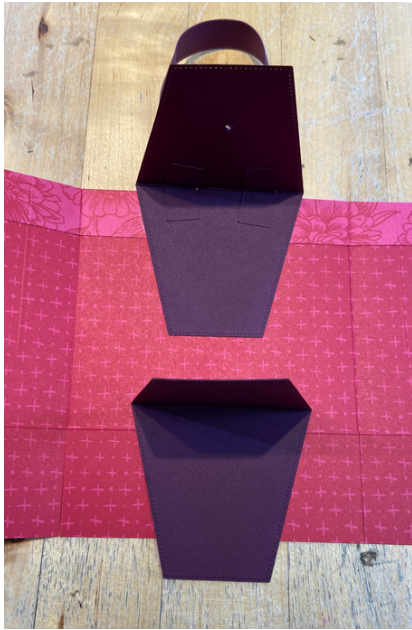


- Insert string/twine and tie tight knot on non-fringe side on both pieces.
- Fluff fringe a little bit.



- Tie two pieces together with a knot (about 1" above fringe balls).
- Insert (front to back inside) strings into closure.
- Tape down and cut leftover string.

## Finishing the purse



Glue the second closure piece to the first. This is for aesthetic purposes only and makes for a cleaner inside.



Fold over thin side tab and adhere glue. Fold purse closed and press flat.



Turn purse over and glue bottom closed.



Pinch both sides closed (the score lines you made will help).



I found the round 3/8" adhesive velcro dots to work best for keeping your purses closed.

You can also use mini magnets and adhere them with glue dots.

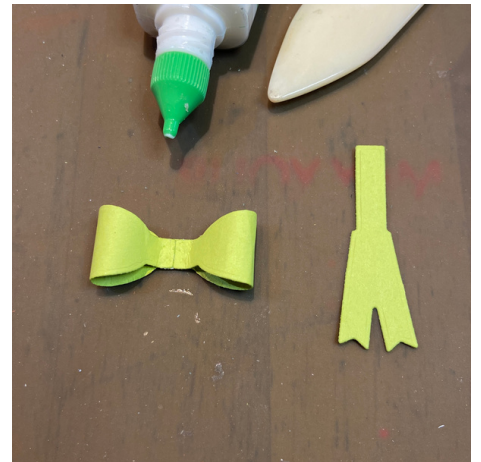
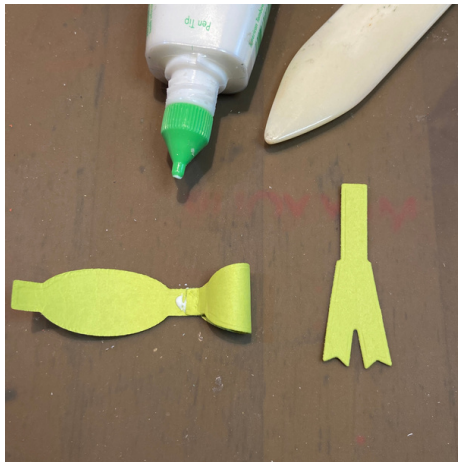
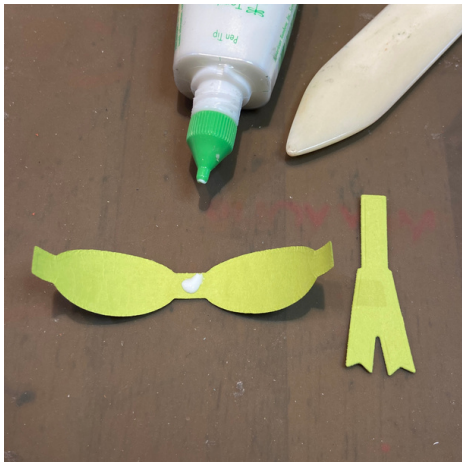


- Add the first dot to the top closure and then stick the corresponding piece to that piece.
- Close the purse and press.
- Open and both pieces will be where they should.
- Press closed again.

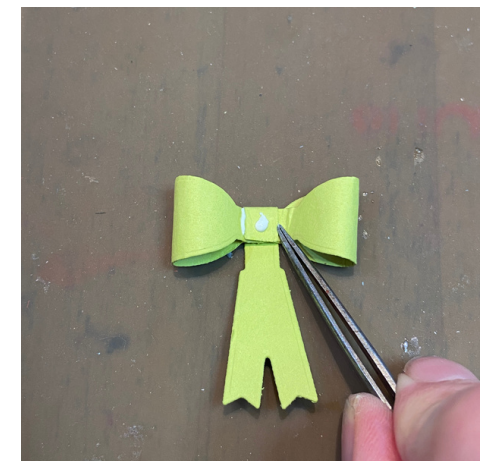
## To make the bow

I made my bow from the Mini Pocket Envelope Dies #159167

I am sure there are other ways of making bows (including ribbon)



- With the bone folder, curl the bow tie shape inwards.
- Place a dot of glue on the inside and fold to the middle.
- Repeat with other side.



- Place a dot on the top of the other piece.
- Place bow on top of blue and wrap the tie piece around two or three times (however you like it to look)



Adhere bow to front of purse with glue

