

Strap for Epicure Pouch

To Make the Strap -

You will need: Two 1/2" Swivel Clips and two 1/2" D-Rings

Cut one piece of cork 21" x 1" wide for the strap. You can either fold this in half on the long edge, then top stitch 1/8" from each edge. Or draw a line down the center on the wrong side of the cork. Fold the long edge of both sides of the cork in to meet that line you drew. Use double sided tape to hold it in place and clover clips then sew on either side of the center line by 1/8". If you want more detailed instructions on how I do this, I posted a "Strap Tips" PDF during the Tudor Sew Along, it can be found in the Files section as well.

If using cotton you will cut 21-1/2" x 2" in both your exterior fabric and Shape Flex. Fuse Shape Flex to the strap. Fold both the short ends up by 1/4", press. This encloses the short edge raw edges. Then fold the long edges in half, open and press one long end in to the crease, press, then repeat for other side. Fold in half, press again and top stitch along both edges 1/8" from each edge.

Draw a line 1" up from the short end of the strap on both ends. Slide swivel clip to that 1" mark, pin in place and sew 1/8" and then 1/2" away from the raw edge or edge that was folded to enclose the raw edges. Repeat for opposite end.

To Make and Attach the Strap Tabs -

It is important to have the 2 exterior pieces sewn together, complete up to Step 3 in the pattern, before making this. Then when attaching the strap tabs you will be sure to have them in the correct spot.

Cut two pieces of cork 2" x 1". Fold and sew using the same method for the strap as given above for cork. Place the tab at the top of the pouch, 1/2" in from the right hand edge and baste 1/8" from the top. You are not folding the tab in half, you are only basting one layer of the tab to the top of the pouch so that it will fit into the Metal Frame. Measure and draw a line that is 1/2" and 5/8" down from the top of the tab. Slide the D-Ring on. Fold the tab to meet that 1/2" line and pin in place, you will be folding it under, so bringing the end of the tab under so the raw edge is against the pouch. Sew the tab 1/8" away from the raw edge (1/2" line) to hold the tab in place. Then sew another line at that 5/8" mark. Repeat this for the other strap tab, but place the strap tab on the opposite exterior panel on the right hand side, so the strap will essentially cross over the pouch. You can sew an extra row of stitches in between those two rows, if you'd like.

For cotton cut the tab 2"x 2-1/4", you will also cut Shape Flex this size too and then fold and sew using the method for cotton above but only one short end will be folded up and pressed 1/4" as the other raw edge is hidden under the Metal Fame. Then continue with the same method for sewing the strap tab to the pouch as given for cork.

After the Strap tabs are sewn on, continue with the pattern as Sara instructs.

The Strap can be cut to any length you'd like, this was just made to be able to hang on your arm or over your shoulder, if wanted. If you are using faux leather, vinyl or any other material that does not fray, you can use the same method as you would for cork.

Alternatively, you could use Emmaline Bags Purse Chain Hardware for your strap.

You can find the Purse Chain Hardware,
<https://emmalinebags.com/search?q=purse+chain>

You can find the Swivel Clips here,
<https://emmalinebags.com/search?q=1%2F2%22+swivel+clips+>

You can find the D-Rings here,
<https://emmalinebags.com/search?q=1%2F2%22+D-Rings>

You can find the Purse Frame Hardware here,
<https://sewsweetness.com/products/8-metal-frame?v=3e8d115eb4b3>



Epicure With Strap using Emmaline Bags Strap Clip with D-Ring Hardware

Complete the Pouch following all of Sara's instructions

You have a couple of options for the strap, you can make the strap and attach a swivel clip with the instructions above or attach the strap directly to the hardware. You can also purchase any of Emmaline Bags Purse Chain Hardware and use these instead.

Once the pouch is complete you will attach the Strap Clip with D-Ring to the back side seam. Depending on the thickness of the materials you've used it may fit right close to the top of the side seam or just under the topstitching, either way works.

*See pictures below for completed straps using these options

You can find the Strap Clip with D-Ring Hardware here,
<https://emmalinebags.com/products/strap-clip-2-pack>

You can find the Purse Chain Hardware,
<https://emmalinebags.com/search?q=purse+chain>





Epicure 2.0 OR Double Epicure

For this hack you will complete 2 Epicures as per Sara's instructions, but do not sew the top edges or install the purse frame hardware just yet.

Take the Epicure Pouch that will be your front one and fold the back seam under by 1/4". Press and place pins or clips to hold it.

Take the Epicure that is your back one and fold the front seam under by 1/4". Press and place pins or clips to hold it.

Pin or clip these 2 folded seams together and topstitch using 1/8" seam allowance. You will need to move the front and back of the 2 Epicures that are not being sewn, out of the way.

Next you will pin the sides of the two you just sewed together (these are the middle) then sew 2 to 2-1/2" down from the top

You can then follow the instructions above for making the strap, attaching the strap and attaching the hardware.

*Note: If you find those middle layers too bulky because of all the foam, those pieces can be interfaced with just Shape Flex instead. I'd use 2 layers of Shape Flex just to help give that center a bit more structure.

