Persimmon Dumpling Pouch Hacks #9 - #14
Handles and Straps

Original Persimmon Dumpling Pouch Pattern can be found here-
https://sewsweetness.com/2019/08/persimmon-dumpling-pouch

Persimmon with Wrist Strap - Hack #9

Supplies

- Two 1/2" D-Rings
- Two 1/2" Swivel Clips
- One 1/2" Slider

Make Wrist Strap

1. You can use Sara's tutorial for making the wrist strap,
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1r9rtikDL_E

Make the Strap Tabs

8. Cut one piece of fabric and Shape Flex 2" x 2". Fuse Shape Flex according to manufacturer's instructions.
9. Fold the strap tab in half, so the long edges meet. Press.
10. Open and fold the long edges so they meet the crease you just created. Press.
11. Fold the strap tab in half again. Press. You will have created a piece of double fold bias tape.
12. Top stitch 1/8" away from both the long edges.
13. Stitch as close as you can to the hardware. This helps prevent the D-Ring from turning while using the pouch.

Attach Strap Tab

14. Make a mark that is 3-1/2" up on the curve, from the straight edge where the box corner cut out is, on the right or left hand side of an exterior panel.

15. Place strap tab at this mark but below it. Sew using 1/8" seam allowance.

16. Continue with the pattern as per Sara's instructions. Then clip on your strap.

Persimmon with Handles - Hack #10

Make Handles

1. Cut 2 pieces of fabric and Shape Flex 15" x 4". Fuse Shape Flex according to manufacturer's instructions.
2. Make marks on the short edges of the handle that are 1/4" in. Fold at these marks and press.
3. Fold the handles in half, so the long edges meet. Press.
4. Open and fold the long edges so they meet the crease you just created. Press.
5. Fold the handle in half. Press. You will have created a piece of double fold bias tape with no raw edges.
6. Topstitch 1/8" away from both the long edges.
7. Repeat Steps 2 - 6 for other handle.

Attach the Handle

8. Make a mark on the exterior panel that is 2-1/2" to the right from the center. Repeat for the left side.

9. Make a mark that is 2-1/2" down from the center and top of the curve. Repeat for the left side.

10. Place the handle at these marks, to the inside of the line you drew in Step 8.
11. Sew a 1" box and then an 'X' inside the box. You can also add rivets or Chicago Screws.

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12. Repeat Steps 10 - 11 for the other side of the handle.

13. Repeat Steps 8 - 10 for the other exterior panel.
14. Continue with Sara's instructions as per the pattern.


Aerosimmon Persimmon - Hack #11
Make Handles
1. Cut 2 pieces of fabric and Shape Flex 27" x 4". Fuse Shape Flex according to manufacturer's instructions.
2. Fold the handles in half so the long edges meet. Press.
3. Open and fold the long edges so they meet the crease you just made. Press.
4. Fold the handle in half. Press. You will have created a piece of double fold bias tape.
5. Topstitch 1/8" away from both the long edges.
6. Repeat for the other handle.

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Attach the Handle

7. Make a mark on the exterior panel that is 2-1/2" to the right from the center, at the top of the curve. Repeat for the left side and the other exterior panel.

8. Make a mark on the handle, on both ends that is 5-3/4" up from the bottom raw edge.
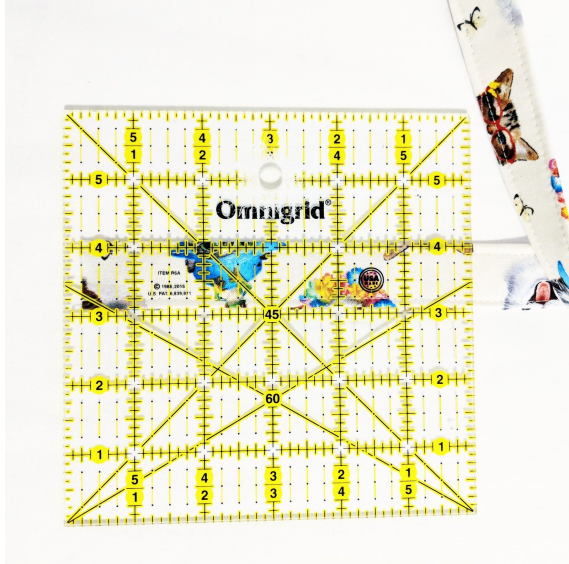
9. Place the handle at the marks you made, but to the inside of the 2-1/2" line.

10. Sew on top of your previous stitches, going up one side, stop when you reach the mark you made in Step 8, decrease your stitch length to zero and stitch one stitch (this prevents stitches from going on an angle in the corner), sew across that line, again when you reach the corner decrease your stitch length to zero and stitch one stitch and then back down the other side. When I get to the 5-3/4" line, I like to stitch over it at least one more time for extra security.

11. Repeat Steps 9 and 10 for the other end of the handle.

12. Repeat Steps 7- 11 for the other exterior panel.

Attach the Zipper

13. Follow the instructions in Hack #5.

14. Continue with the pattern as per Sara's instructions.

Alternate Way to Make the Handles - Helps Reduce Bulk in the Seams

1. Cut 2 pieces of fabric and Shape Flex 21" x 4". Fuse Shape Flex according to manufacturer's instructions.

2. Fold the handles in half so the long edges meet. Press.

3. Open and fold the long edges so they meet the crease you just created. Press.

4. Fold the handle in half. Press. You have created a piece of double fold bias tape.

5. Topstitch 1/8" away from both the long edges.
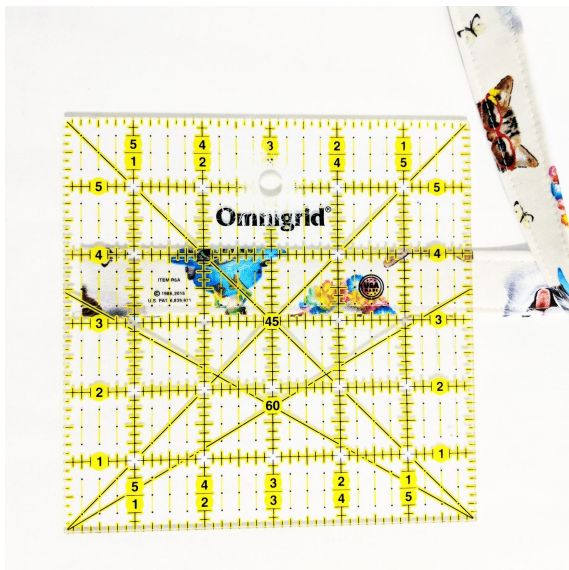
6. Repeat Steps 2 - 5 for the other handle.

To Attach the Handle

7. Make a mark on the exterior panel that is 2-1/2" to the right from the center at the top of the curve. Repeat for the left side and the other exterior panel.

8. Make a mark that is 2-3/8" up from the bottom edge, across the whole way.
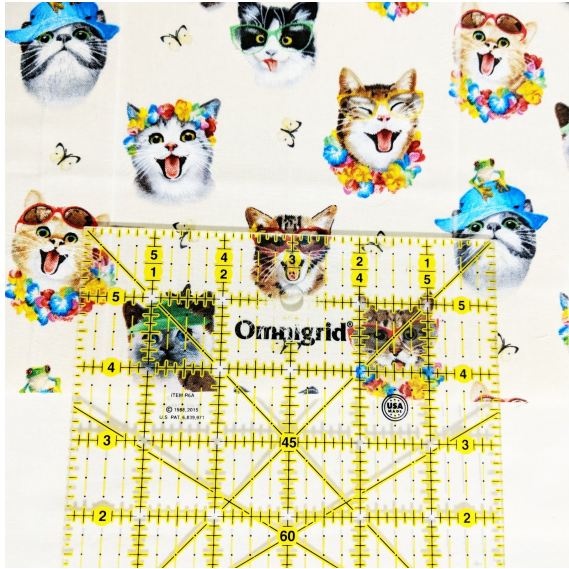
9. Make a mark on the handle that is 5-3/4" up from the bottom raw edge.

10. Place the handle at the marks you made, but to the inside of the 2-1/2"line.
11. Sew on top of your previous stitches, going up one side, stop when you reach the mark you made in Step 8, decrease your stitch length to zero and stitch one stitch (this prevents stitches from going on an angle in the corner), sew across that line, again when you reach the corner decrease your stitch length to zero and stitch one stitch and then back down the other side. When I get to the 5-3/4" line, I like to stitch over it at least one more time for extra security.
12. Repeat Steps 10 and 11 for the other end of the handle.

13. Repeat Steps 8 - 12 for the other exterior panel.

Attach the Zipper

14. Follow the instructions in Hack #5.
15. Continue with the pattern as per Sara's instructions.

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Persimmon with Crossbody Strap - Hack #12

Supplies

- Two 1/2" D-Rings
- Two 1/2 Swivel Clips
- One 1/2" Slider

Make Adjustable Strap

1. Use Sara's tutorial for making an adjustable strap, but you're making the strap so it is 1/2" wide when finished, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7okNOWVO02k&t=173s
2. Cut 2 pieces of fabric and Shape Flex to the length Sara instructs in her video by 2" wide. Fuse Shape Flex according to manufacturer's instructions.
3. Make marks on the short edges of the handle that are 1/4" in. Fold at these marks and press.
4. Fold the handles in half, so the long edges meet. Press.
5. Open and fold the long edges so they meet the crease you just created. Press.
6. Fold the handle in half. Press. You will have created a piece of double fold bias tape with no raw edges.
7. Topstitch 1/8" away from both the long edges.

Make the Strap Tabs

8. Cut one piece of fabric and Shape Flex 4" x 2". Fuse Shape Flex according to manufacturer's instructions.
9. Fold the strap tab in half, so the long edges meet. Press.
10. Open and fold the long edges so they meet the crease you just created. Press.
11. Fold the strap tab in half again. Press. You will have created a piece of double fold bias tape.
12. Topstitch 1/8" away from both the long edges.
13. Cut the strap tabs in half so they each measure 2" x 1/2"
14. Fold the strap tab in half and slide the D-Rng to this mark.
15. Stitch as close as you can to the hardware. This helps prevent the D-Ring from turning while using the pouch.

Attach Strap Tabs

16. Make a mark on the exterior panel that is 2-1/2" to the right from the center at the top of the curve. Repeat for the other exterior main panel.
17. Place the strap tabs at the marks you made, but to the inside of the 2-1/2" line. Line up the raw edges of the strap tabs with the top of the exterior panel.

18. Sew using 1/8" seam allowance.

19. Continue with the pattern as per Sara's instructions. Then clip your strap on to the D-Rings.

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Persimmon Crossbody Strap, Second Method - Hack #13

Supplies
- Two 1/2" D-Rings
- Two 1/2" Swivel Clips
- One 1/2" Slider

Make Adjustable Strap

1. Use Sara's tutorial for making an adjustable strap, but you're making the strap so it is 1/2" wide when finished, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7okNOWVO02k&t=173s
2. Cut 2 pieces of fabric and Shape Flex to the length Sara instructs in her video by 2" wide. Fuse Shape Flex according to manufacturer's instructions.
3. Make marks on the short edges of the handle that are 1/4" in. Fold at these marks and press.
4. Fold the handles in half, so the long edges meet. Press.
5. Open and fold the long edges so they meet the crease you just created. Press.
6. Fold the handle in half. Press. You will have created a piece of double fold bias tape with no raw edges.
7. Topstitch 1/8" away from both the long edges.

Make the Strap Tabs

8. Cut one piece of fabric and Shape Flex 4" x 2". Fuse Shape Flex according to manufacturer's instructions.
9. Fold the strap tab in half, so the long edges meet. Press.
10. Open and fold the long edges so they meet the crease you just created. Press.
11. Fold the strap tab in half again. Press. You will have created a piece of double fold bias tape.
12. Topstitch 1/8" away from both the long edges.
13. Cut the strap tabs in half so they each measure 2" x 1/2"
14. Fold the strap tab in half and slide the D-Rng to this mark.
15. Stitch as close as you can to the hardware. This helps prevent the D-Ring from turning while using the pouch.

Attach the Strap Tabs

16. Make a mark that is 3-1/2" up on the curve, from the straight edge where the box corner cut out is, on the right hand side. Repeat this for the other exterior panel.
17. Place the strap tab at the 3-1/2" mark, but below it. Sew using 1/8" seam allowance.

18. Continue with the pattern as per Sara's instructions. Then clip your strap on to the D-Rings.

Hippy Persimmon - Hack #14

Supplies

- Two 1/2" D-Rings
- Two 1/2" Swivel Clips
- One 1/2" Slider

Make Adjustable Strap

1. Use Sara's tutorial for making an adjustable strap, but you're making the strap so it is 1/2" wide when finished, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7okNOWVO02k&t=173s
2. Cut 2 pieces of fabric and Shape Flex to the length Sara instructs in her video by 2" wide. Fuse Shape Flex according to manufacturer's instructions.
3. Make marks on the short edges of the handle that are 1/4" in. Fold at these marks and press.
4. Fold the handles in half, so the long edges meet. Press.
5. Open and fold the long edges so they meet the crease you just created. Press.
6. Fold the handle in half. Press. You will have created a piece of double fold bias tape with no raw edges.
7. Topstitch 1/8" away from both the long edges.

Make the Strap Tabs

8. Cut one piece of fabric and Shape Flex 4" x 2". Fuse Shape Flex according to manufacturer's instructions.
9. Fold the strap tab in half, so the long edges meet. Press.
10. Open and fold the long edges so they meet the crease you just created. Press.
11. Fold the strap tab in half again. Press. You will have created a piece of double fold bias tape.
12. Topstitch 1/8" away from both the long edges.
13. Cut the strap tabs in half so they each measure 2" x 1/2"
14. Fold the strap tab in half and slide the D-Rng to this mark.
15. Stitch as close as you can to the hardware. This helps prevent the D-Ring from turning while using the pouch.

Attach Strap Tabs

16. Make a mark that is 3-1/2" up on the curve, from the straight edge where the box corner cut out is, on the right hand side and left hand side on one exterior panel.
17. Place the strap tabs at the 3-1/2" mark, but below it.
18. Sew using 1/8" seam allowance.
19. Continue with the pattern as per Sara's instructions. Then clip your strap on to the D-Rings.
*You will want to ensure that your strap tabs are on the front of your pouch. This helps it from falling forward when you're wearing it.
**You can also attach the strap tabs using the same method as in Hack #13.
***You can also use my Polaris Turned Hip Bag Hack, use the Oval Bag methods for this pouch, https://sewsweetness.com/2019/10/pattern-hack-polaris-bag-into-a-hip-bag.html

****I made my strap, 1/2" wide, but you can make yours wider.

NOTES

1. You can use a combo of any of these Persimmon Dumpling Pouch hacks on any one pouch.
2. To get your accent pieces on the pouches to line up and have perfect boxed corners, ensure you're placing the center of the zipper teeth, against the side seam and center to it. This way everything will line up in the final construction. Use lots of pins and/or clips to hold everything in place while you sew. Don't remove your clips until the presser foot touches them. This way nothing shifts while you're sewing.
3. To get a flat bottom, give the front that goes from one box corner to the other a really good press. You can find this edge, by pinching the one corner of the boxed corner and the opposite

corner at the same time. This will help it sit flat.If using a material that can't be ironed, use clips on the seam and leave them for a couple of hours or overnight, the longer the better. Place foam between the clip and the material, so the clip doesn't leave teeth marks.

4. I recommend heat sealing all your zippers, this helps prevent them from fraying.

5. You can also use a scrap of zipper for a zipper pull. You can use one half or cut the tape off the zipper , so there is just the coil. Then heat seal the whole zipper so it won't fray. Please be careful.

Hardware

Zippers - https://sewsweetness.com/product-category/hardware/zippers

Hardware - https://sewsweetness.com/product-category/hardware

Cork - https://sewsweetness.com/product-category/fabric/cork

Faux Leather - https://sewsweetness.com/product-category/fabric/leather

Glitter Vinyl - https://sewsweetness.com/product-category/fabric/glitter

*Please use the hashtag #persimmondumplingpouchhack as well as a hashtag and the Persimmon name, so for example #persimmonwithwriststrap, when posting on social media. 😊

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