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## Mother's Day Paper Bag Purse

Creative Idea by Colleen M.



### Supplies:

Cardstock (your choice of colors and prints)  
- 5 ½ x 4 ½ in. solid color  
- 5 ½ x 6 ½ in. solid color  
- 5 ¼ x 4 in. printed paper  
- 5 ¼ x 1 ¾ printed paper  
Paper Lunch Bag  
Double-stick Tape  
Regular Clear Tape  
Velcro Sticky Dots  
Embellishments (your choice)  
Ribbon – ½ in. wide

### Tools:

Scissors  
Trimmer  
Scoreboard  
Handheld hole puncher

### Instructions:

Take your folded paper lunch bag and measure from the bottom up 4 inches and trim off the bag. You will be using the bottom part only.

Place the paper bag on the side and place your solid color cardstock that measures 5 ½ x 6 ½ in. on your scoreboard, making sure the 6 ½ is lined up to be scored. Score at the 2 inch mark down. This will create the front flap and back of your purse.

After folding your flap, open it up and flatten it open. Double-stick tape the 1 ¾ x 5 ¼ printed paper on the flap of your purse.

With your handheld hole puncher, place it as far inside your paper will allow right below the fold of your flap to create your ribbon handle. Do the same for the other side.

Take your ribbon and place it through the top hole of the printed side paper and tie a knot after. The preference of length of ribbon is up to you; you will have to make it longer just in case you want to embellish your ribbon with beads. Do the same for the other end of the ribbon and knot.

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Place on the side and take your 4 ½ x 5 ½ in. solid color cardstock and double-stick tape the 4 x 5 ¼ in. printed paper onto the solid color.

Take your cut paper lunch bag and run your double-stick tape across the top, middle and bottom unfolded side of your lunch bag. Do not put double-stick tape on the cardstock.

Place your 5 ½ x 6 ¼ in. solid color with flap up facing you and print side down. Align your paper bag just below the flap to cover the taped knotted ribbon.

Take the bottom part of the paper bag flap and fold it down so that you may put the double-stick tape across the top, middle and bottom on this side.

Take your 5 ½ x 4 ½ solid color, with print facing you and align it with the bottom of your other cardstock over the paper bag. (We want to cover the bag so that it may not be seen).

Take your Velcro stick circle and place it in the center of your flap on the inside. Place the other part of the Velcro on the circle and peel off the tape to close the flap and press securely. Embellish to make your bag special!

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