

Embellished Purses

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Materials and Tools:

Sizzix Big Shot Jewelry Studio Tool
Movers and Shapers die set in desired shapes
Wallet or purse to embellish
Leather or cork fabric
Ribbons, trims and/or old buttons
Optional: pieces of small-link chain
20-gauge wire
Wire cutters
Leather hole punch tool
Super Glue Gel

Instructions:

1. Use the Movers and Shapers dies and the Big Shot machine to cut shapes from the leather or cork fabric.
2. Attach a button by punching a hole through the top two layers of the embellishment piece. Thread the button to the center of a 1- to 2-inch piece of wire and thread the wire through the first then second layer of leather. Pull the wires together in back of the button similar to how you would use a brad.
3. Add glue to the back side of the leather pieces to secure them together for the focal (optional: tuck in chain pieces before adhering together).
4. Use glue to adhere the leather pieces to the purse or wallet.

Artist's Tip: If attaching ribbons, you may need to switch glues to a fabric glue; Super Glue Gel works great to attach leather to leather.