



# VICTORIAN PUZZLE PURSE

## Supplies

- Square paper
- pencil crayons or markers

## Instructions

(1) Fold and crease diagonally, open, rotate, then repeat across the opposite way to form an X.

(2) Keeping the same side up, fold in thirds like a letter, crease; then rotate the paper 90 degrees and fold in thirds again, making 9 squares. Here's where it's helpful if the dimensions are a multiple of three—if you are not expertly precise with your letter folding, you can measure, mark, and score the fold lines first.

(3) Turn the paper over (the penciled X face down) and make a diagonal crease in each of the squares that doesn't have one yet (the center one along each side), starting with the one on the right side, by bringing the top horizontal crease of that square to meet its left vertical crease, and then creasing the diagonal within that square only, then opening it up again. Rotate the paper and fold and crease each of those center side squares in the same manner. The new creases are shown as dashed lines.

(4) Now turn over again (X side up), and here's the part I find a little bit tricky: You're going to pinch the corner diagonals as valley folds and twist the whole contraption counterclockwise to fold it into a pinwheel. At this point you may find that it doesn't quite lie flat like it's supposed to, so adjust your creases a little as needed to make it nice and flat.

(5) Now take one point of the pinwheel and fold it in over the center, and then do the same with each point, working counterclockwise again, creasing as you go, and smooth it to make a nice flat square.

(6) Tuck the last point into the first one.

And there you have it. You can draw pictures or rubber stamp images on it, and write messages (or a riddle) on the flaps to be read as it is opened.