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Drawstring Monogrammed Gift Bag



Skill Level: Confident Beginner
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Add a personal touch to your home using the large letter font found in both the Baby Lock Ursa Embroidery Only Machine and the Luna, the combination Sewing & Embroidery Machine. Embellish this project by adding a touch of color to the outline font using watercolor pencils. These can instantly add pizzaz to an outline stitch image! Use this for a pillow project or take this idea and apply it to any other embroidery project.

Supplies:

- Baby Lock Luna Sewing and Embroidery machine or Ursa Embroidery Machine and Sewing machine
- 5” X 7” Embroidery Hoop
- UH+ Embroidery Foot
- Standard J Foot for Sewing
- Stabilizer of Choice- Baby Lock Ultrasoft Fusible Interfacing BLC204 and Tear Away Firm BLT 103.
- 2 – 13” X 13” Main Fabric for bag
- 2 – 3” X 14” Handle Fabric Pieces
- 2 – 13” X 13“Lining Fabric Pieces
- 2- 1.25 X 42” Drawstring Fabric Pieces
- 1” webbing for Handles -
- Madeira 40wt. Rayon Embroidery Thread to match embroidery guide (see photos below).
- Sewing Notions; scissors, pins
- Iron, pressing mat, rotary cutter, ruler, cutting mat
- Safety pin for turning handles and inserting the drawstring.

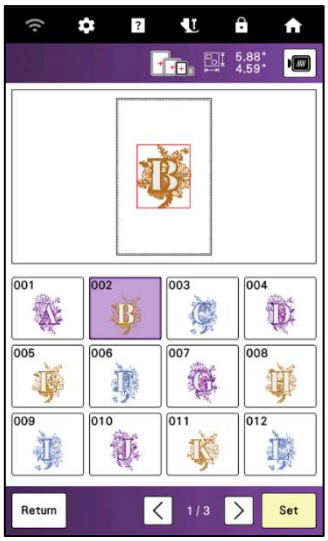


Monogram for Bag

This easy pattern makes a fun custom bag that has multiple uses. Use it as a gift bag, but it could turn into a make-up bag or even a purse. Think about making these for as bag to hold all your goodies, like your mahjong or other game pieces! The possibilities are endless!

Instructions:

Embroidery of Bag Front

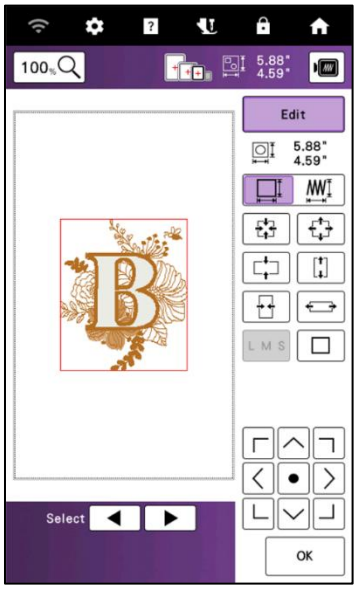


1. Mark about 6” from the top center of the fabric using a marking pen. Allow for the drawstring ties and the boxing out of the bag at the bottom.
2. Fuse the Ultrasoft Fusible to the Bag front and back pieces.
3. Hoop the one of the front piece in the 5” x 7” hoop along with a piece of Tear-Away Firm Stabilizer
4. Place the hooped fabric on the machine.
5. From the Embroidery Menu, select the Large Font Category #4.





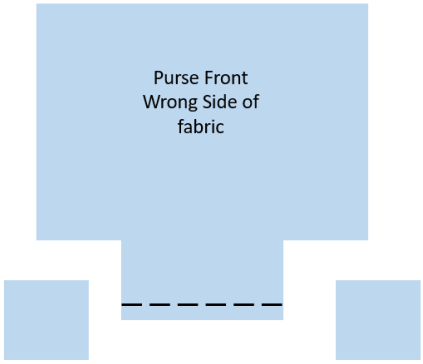
6. Select the Font #1.
7. Choose the Letter or floral design of your choice. Touch Set.
8. The design comes in at 5.88” X 4.59” and was left the size. If you wanted it to resize, you could do so at this time.
9. If you choose to resize, be sure to resize using stitch recalculation to adjust the stitches as you increase/decrease the design size.
10. Once the size is determined, touch Embroidery.
11. On the Embroidery Layout screen, use the Move Keys, Needle Beam or Two-Point Placement options to position your design with the marked center.
12. Thread the machine with the first color and stitch out the design.
13. Follow the embroidery steps until the design is completed.
14. Once stitching is completed, remove the fabric from the hoop.
15. Trim any excess stabilizer from the back and press.



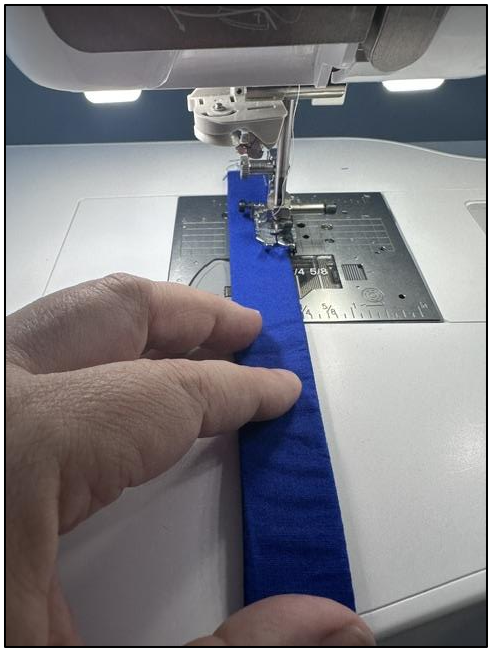


Constructing the Drawstring Bag

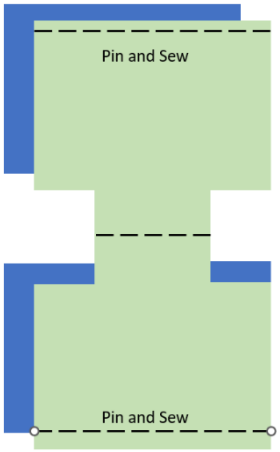
1. Switch over to sewing on the machine.
2. Stitch the handle pieced together along the long edge. Turn and press with the seam centered on one side.
3. Insert the 1" webbing piece.
4. Top stitch along both edges of the two handles.
5. Stitch together the two drawstring pieces as well using a ¼" seam allowance. Turn and press. Set aside until bag construction is complete.
6. Using a 5/8" seam allowance, stitch together the bottom seam of the bag exterior pieces. Press the seam open.
7. With the front pieces right sides together, cut out a 2.5" square at the bottom seams on each side. This will be for boxing out the corners.



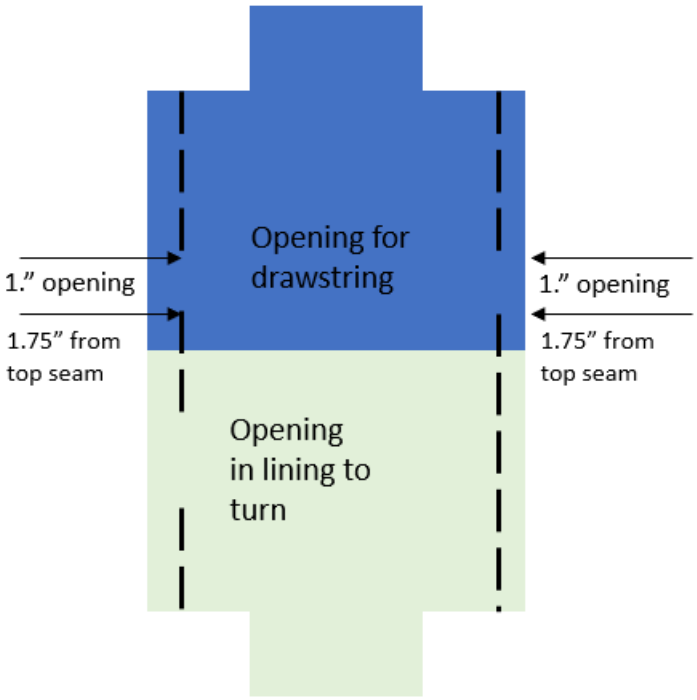
8. Find the center top of both front pieces. Using the centering mark, align and pin the handles to the bag front.

9. Stitch the handle ends in place on the bag front pieces.



10. Next, sew the lining fabrics together at the bottom. Press and cut the 2.5” square sections out of the lining pieces like done for the front.
11. Note: You could also use one larger piece of fabric cut 13” X 25” My lining fabric had direction.
12. Open the bag exterior and lining so they are on long piece. With right sides together, align the top edges together and pin along the sides.



13. Shift the fabric pieces to align the two front panel pieces right sides together and the two lining right sides together. Keep the top seam allowances lined up.
14. Stitch along the sides being sure to leave a large opening on one side of the lining (for turning) and a 1” opening about 1.75” from the lining/exterior seam for inserting the drawstring.
15. Once the seams are sewn, box out the bottom corners of the exterior and lining pieces.
16. Once sew, turn inside out, and press the seams.
17. Stitch a line around the bag 1.75” from the top and 2.75” to create a casing for the drawstring.



18. Lay the drawstring pieces out on top of the bag in this orientation. This will help you to know how to feed the pieces into the bag to achieve the drawstring effect.



19. Pull the drawstrings through the 1” casing at the top of the bag.
20. Once pulled through, you can trim the drawstrings. A know was tied at the end, but you could also stitch the ends.
21. Stitch together the opening in the lining.
22. At this point the bag is ready!



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