

Create a Mask Zipper Bag

Zipper Bag Size
7.02"X 5.00"

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Designs
970846



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Zipper Bag Instructions

Items you will need for this project:

Cut away stabilizer (not self-adhesive)

1 qty. Plastic zipper - 1 inch wide and longer than 7 inches
(Note: Do not use metal zippers for this project or you will break your needle).

Tear away stabilizer

Needle and thread (will need to hand-sew liner closed)

Tweezer

To create a strap for your bag: 5 inch long x ¼ inch wide ribbon or other material folded into a loop to create a strap (you can also use zipper pulls, etc.) to embellish your bag. Note: Don't use too thick of material or you may break a needle.

Scissors

Note: When choosing your fabric, be sure to coordinate it with the design you want to embroider.

Fabric for Outside of bag:

Cut 2 - 9"x9" pieces of material

Cut 1 - 9"x4" piece of material

Fabric for inside liner of bag (can be cotton or liner material):

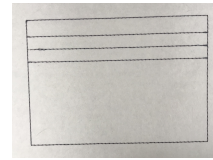
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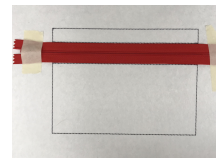
You will have 3 pieces each for outside of bag and liner.

1. Select your design (or select the blank bag design, if you want to insert your own lettering or design).
2. Fold one 9"x9" outside piece of material and one 9"x9" liner piece of material in half and iron.
3. Fold each 9"x4" outside and liner pieces of material in half and iron.
4. Iron each full piece of 9"x9" that is left.
5. Choose the thread color for the stitches that will assemble your bag. These stitch lines will show on your bag, so the color should coordinate with your material.
6. Hoop two pieces of tear away stabilizer. (This whole project is taped to the stabilizer). Insert into embroidery machine.

7. Embroider color change #1 (outline). This step will embroider the outline of the project on the stabilizer (it does not embroider the tack down of the zipper here).



8. Take out of the machine, and tape the zipper, so that the top edge of zipper is lined up to the first stitch line (below the outside stitch line). Note: The zipper can go from left to right or right to left it will make no difference in embroidering the bag design.



9. Place back into the machine and embroider color change #2 (tackdown). (This will tack the zipper to the tear away stabilizer).
10. Remove hoop from machine. Place the folded edge of the 9"x9" outside fabric on the lower center of the zipper. Place the folded edge of the 9"x4" outside fabric on the upper center of the zipper. Kind of pinch these two folded edges together or overlap them a little and tape the outside edges onto the stabilizer. Don't place tape on the top or bottom of the fabric (it tends to pull the edges away from the zipper).
11. Place hoop back into machine and embroider color changes 3 and 4.
12. Continue to embroider the design on the front of your bag.



13. Remove from machine. Turn the hoop over and trim loose bobbin thread along the zipper area.



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14. Repeat step 10, using the liner material (instead of outside material). Since you may not be able to see the zipper through the stabilizer, you can use the center stitch line as your "zipper" to line up your fabric. With the liner, you will need to tape all the way around the outside edges of the fabric.



15. Put hoop back into machine and embroider the next two color changes (following the design) and remove hoop from machine.
16. IMPORTANT STEP: Open the zipper $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way. Make sure you do not place it in the path of the needle foot.
17. To embellish bag, lay the ends (or bottom) of your strap over the outermost edge of the zipper, so that the ends (or bottom) are laying over the stitch line and tape them onto the stabilizer (as shown in the picture below). Tape the top (i.e. looped part) of your strap to the zipper inside the material folds.



18. Place the 9"x9" outside piece of material over top of the bag (right sides together, so the backside of the material is facing you) and tape all four sides.



19. Place hoop back into machine. Embroider the next color change from where you left off and remove from hoop. This color change will attach the outside front and back of bag together.

20. Turn hoop over and place the full 9"x9" liner piece (right sides together) and tape all four sides.



21. Place back into machine. Embroider the final color change. This step will attach the front and back liner together leaving a space on the bottom to turn the material inside out.
22. Take out of hoop and turn over so that the backside is facing you. Cut fabric approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the outside embroidered lines. When you get to the bottom of the liner leave approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ " of material for turning in when hand sewing. (Just the liner fabric needs the excess material on the bottom. The outside fabric and the stabilizer can be cut shorter.)



23. Pull the whole bag through the liner opening (Don't worry about the corners yet).
24. Flip the excess liner material inside the opening and pin to hem.
25. Tear open the stabilizer covering the zipper area. Tear or tweezer the excess stabilizer from the edges of the zipper. Cut the placement stitch line out of the zipper center.



26. Flip bag through the zipper area and work the edges out with a tool or fingers.
27. Zip bag shut. Flatten and place a piece of material over the bag and iron flat.
28. The bag is done!