



First Aid Large Zipper Bag

This bag is done completely in the hoop. The only part that will need stitched (or fused closed with seam tape) is the opening in the lining where you turn the bag right side out. ITH zipper bags can be a little tricky, so I suggest that you read my important notes at the beginning of the pattern, take your time, and always check to make sure the fabric under your hoop remains where it is supposed to be.

These bags have two more stitching steps than my smaller bags. I have added a basting stitch before stitching the designs on the upper and lower portions of the bag.

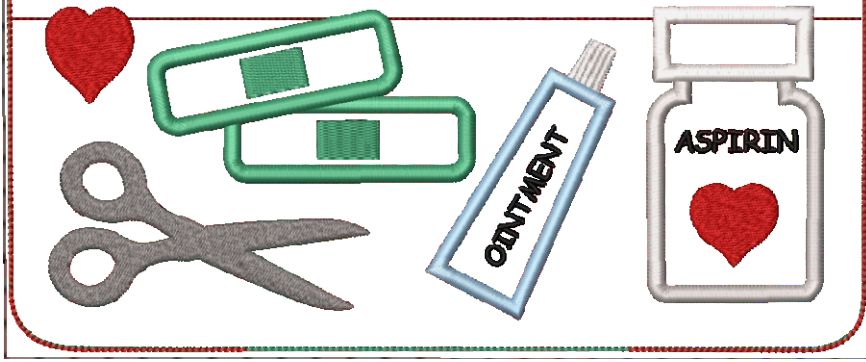
If you've never made a bag before, don't worry, I will guide you through the entire process!



Thank you for your purchase, and feel free to email me with any questions or comments. I also love to see pictures of the finished projects! sheryl@sherscreativespace.com

If you change the size or density of the original design, you could alter the final result.

First Aid Kit



PLEASE READ THESE IMPORTANT NOTES FIRST

- Keep pins away from the stitching lines. It is also important that the points come back up through the top, and do not pin from the back. Any metal on the underside of the hoop can scratch your machine.
- Jump stitches can be trimmed whenever you want. I like to trim them during stitching breaks, especially if they will be in the way of future stitching.
- You will notice on my photos that I use a much longer zipper. This is only because I like to order them in bulk, and when I order them at 14 inches, I can use them for about anything I want. You will cut it down anyway.
- Your placement stitches and basting stitches can be any color because they won't show. The thread for your final two stitchings, and the stitchings that secures the zipper in place, should match the color of your bag fabric. As for the bobbin thread, I use either white or black, depending on how light or dark the fabric is.
- Place tape so you won't be stitching through it. It can gum up your needle and break the thread.
- All my zipper bags are made the same way, so the applique or other design on these images may not match your bag, but the steps are exactly the same. Don't worry because I give you step by step instructions for the applique design you have chosen.
- **SUPER IMPORTANT:** You will not remove the project from the hoop until you are completely finished with the stitching. You will remove the hoop from the machine several times, but the fabric and stabilizer remain in the hoop.

DESIGN SIZE & INFO

Stitches: 21,833

Height: 9.75 in

Width: 5.75 in

Colors: 9

Stops: 19

FINISHED PROJECT SIZE:

9 1/4 X 5 1/2 inches

HELPFUL PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

Your bag might (or most likely) have a different applique or embroidery design than shown in these illustrations.



See how close I cut to the stitching.

This step will not be necessary if your bag has only filled stitches because you have no appliques to trim.



When doing the decorative stitching, constantly check to make sure the lining fabric stays away from your stitching. It should be flipped up and out of the way.

Supplies for the zipper bag:

Exterior bag fabric, one each:

- 12 x 8 inches
- 12 x 6 inches
- 12 x 3 inches

Lining fabric, one each:

- 12 x 8 inches
- 12 x 6 inches
- 12 x 3 inches

100% cotton batting, one each:

- 11 x 8 inches
- 11 x 5 inches
- 11 x 2 1/2 inches

Small fabric scraps for appliques

~~~~only if your bag contains applique

**Note about batting:** 100% cotton batting was used in the sample, but you could substitute a light color of felt, or sew-in fleece.

**Embroidery machine with a 6 x 10 inch hoop**

Stabilizer (see notes below)

12 inch or larger nylon zipper (**NOT METAL**)

Polyester embroidery thread

Size 11 embroidery needle

Tear away stabilizer, *optional*, see note below

Scotch tape or painter's tape

General sewing and embroidery supplies such as scissors, pins, ruler

**Note about stabilizers:** Use whatever you are comfortable with. I like the Sulky Cut Away. Just be sure it's a cutaway.

**As for the optional tear away stabilizer,** this only if you are using a polyester batting instead of cotton batting, felt, or sew-in fleece. *Do not use it for the foundation of this project.*

## Instructions for making the bag:

### STEP 1:

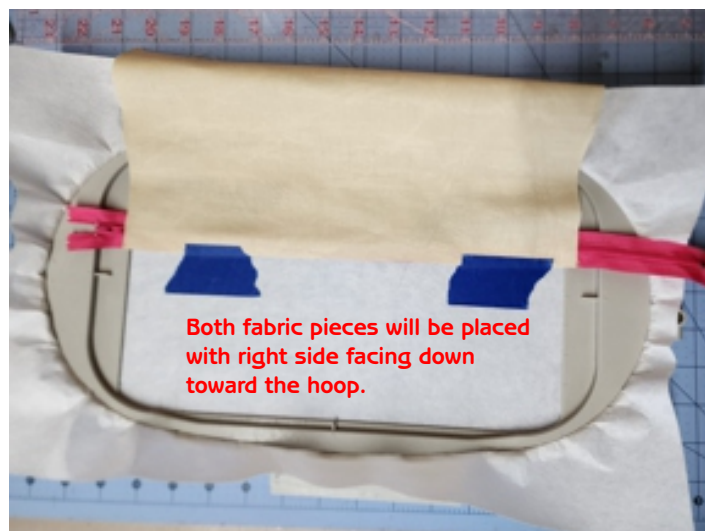
- Place the cut away stabilizer in your hoop.
- Take the hoop to the machine and stitch out the first step, which is the placement stitches for your zipper.
- Remove hoop from machine and center zipper between those two lines. The zipper will be right side facing up, and the pull at the left. Tape the upper edge to secure.
- See red notes at the right.

On the next couple pages you will see that I used painters tape because it will be easier for you to see. I prefer to use scotch tape because it doesn't curl up on the corners and stick to the machine bed.



## STEP 2:

- Take the 12 x 6 inch piece of exterior bag fabric, and place it along the bottom long edge of the zipper, and secure with tape. Right side facing down.
- Carefully flip the hoop over and repeat this step on the back of the hoop using the 12 x 6 inch piece of lining fabric. You may not be able to see the zipper on the back, so you will line it up with the bottom line of stitching.
- Take the hoop back to the machine and stitch the second step, which is the line that will stitch one edge of the zipper to the fabrics.



- Remove the hoop from the machine, and remove the tape you used to hold the fabric down. Make sure the lining fabric on the back is up and out of the way.
- Take the 11 x 5 inch piece of batting and lay it so one of the long edges lines up against the line of stitching you just did.



- Pull the exterior bag fabric down over the batting nice and taut, not tight. Smooth down. Pin in place, keeping the pins far away from the stitching area. Remember to keep that lining fabric up and away from the stitching area. You can tape it to the hoop if you are worried about it getting in the way. I prefer to use the basting spray, but pins will work if you are very careful. This will stitch out the basting stitches. You can then remove your pins.



## STEP 3:

Now the fun begins! You can start the decorative stitching at the bottom part of your bag! Follow the color map on the last page(s). These are my color choices, feel free to substitute fabric and thread colors of your choice.

**BE SURE TO STOP STITCHING WHEN YOU GET TO THE STRAIGHT LINE.** This is where you will remove the hoop from the machine, and move onto the next step.

Now that the decorative stitching is complete on the lower part of the bag, continue on:

**STEP 4:**

Remove the hoop from the machine. Flip the hoop over so you are looking at the backside. Pull the bottom part of the lining down and tape in place to keep it from moving.

**STEP 5:**

• Flip the hoop back over so you are looking at the front. Remove the tape holding the zipper down. Place the 12 x 3 inch piece of fabric along the upper edge of the zipper. Tape in place. Flip the hoop over and repeat this step on the other side, using the 12 x 3 inch lining fabric. Since you can't see the zipper, you will line the fabric up along the remaining (upper) line of stitching. Both fabrics will have the right side facing down, and facing the lower part of the bag fabrics. Return hoop to the machine and stitch the line.

**STEP 6:**

• Remove the hoop from your machine. Remove tape from both sides. Fold the lining fabric that you just stitched, down and out of the way. You can tape in place so it doesn't move. In this step, you will only be stitching through the exterior fabric and the batting. Place the 11 x 2 1/2 inch piece of batting along that upper part just like you did for the lower front of the bag. The batting will be placed at the stitching line, then fold the fabric at the front of the bag up, and over the batting. Spray or pin to secure. Go back to the machine where you will stitch the basting stitch first, then the words or design that will be on the top. Remove the hoop from machine.

**STEP 7:**

Open zipper about 1/2 way.

**DO NOT FORGET THIS STEP!**



The upper part of your lining is folded down, and out of the way, right?



### STEP 8:

Remove pins and tape. Lay the 12 x 8 inch piece of exterior bag fabric on the front of the hoop with the right side facing down. Place the remaining piece of batting on top of that. If you are using a polyester batting instead, you will want to use some tear away stabilizer on top of the batting, then tear away when you are finished stitching. This will prevent the loose fibers from getting hung up on your needle. 100% cotton batting works best on these projects.

- Be sure that your fabric and batting are completely covering the stitching.

- At this point you are going to have to make sure that the lining fabric is positioned the same as the exterior fabric. The top portion should be pulled up, and the bottom portion should be pulled down. From the front of the hoop, pin all layers together. This photo is what your back will look like. Your zipper is hidden under that empty space between the fabrics! I like to place some scotch tape where you see my little arrows. That prevents the fabric from folding over and getting caught in my stitching.



### STEP 9:

- Take the hoop to machine and stitch out the next step. This will stitch all the way around your bag. Remove from machine, and remove pins.

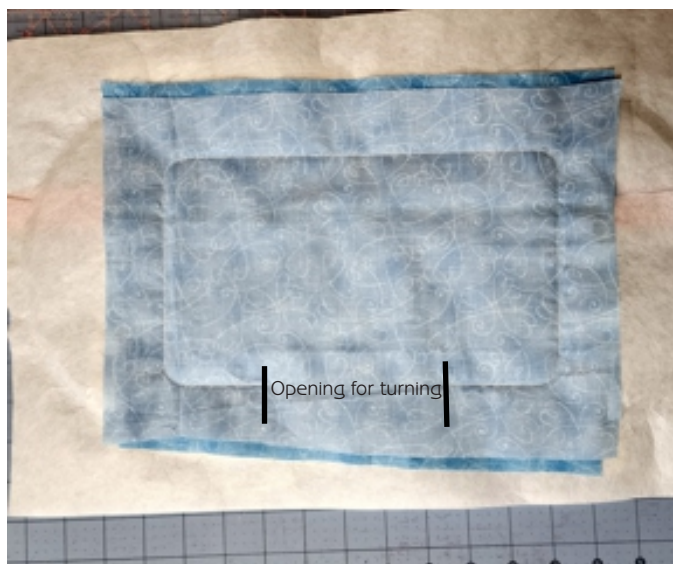
Be sure to choose a top thread that matches your bag fabric from this point on.



### STEP 10:

Flip hoop over so you are looking at the backside. Place the 12 x 8 inch piece of lining fabric, right side facing down, over the back. Again, making sure that you are covering the stitching. Secure in place with tape. Go back to the machine and stitch out your last step, This will stitch around the bag, leaving an opening to turn right side out. I did not get a photo of this last step.

The image to the right is what the back will look like after you have stitched the last step.



## STEP 11:

You can now remove the fabrics from the hoop!!!

- Cut all the way around the bag 1/4 inch away from the stitching. Turn right side out through the hole in the lining, and push out corners. Hand stitch or fuse the opening closed.
- Now cut away the strip of stabilizer that is over the zipper. Be very, very careful so you don't cut through your fabric. I find that the easiest way is to **carefully** glide a seam ripper along the edges.
- Once the stabilizer is removed, you can open the zipper the rest of the way and turn right side out through the zipper opening.

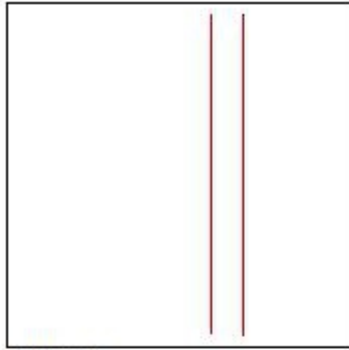


Remove any remaining jump stitches, basting stitches, and stragglies, then give the bag a quick press (on the backside) and enjoy!

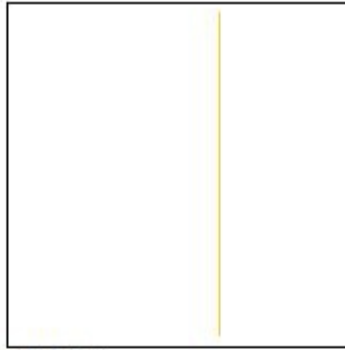
These little bags make such fun gifts. Once you've made your first one or two, you'll be whipping these things together in no time!



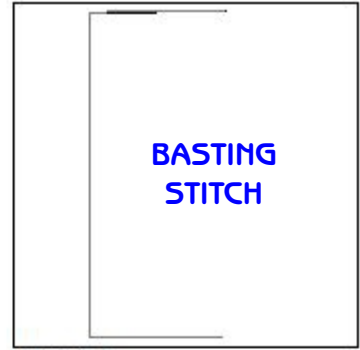
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 Element:  
 Code: 225  
 Name: Poinsettia  
 Chart: Hatch  
 Stitches: 274  
 Thread used: 4.09ft



Stop #: 2  
 Element:  
 Code: 223  
 Name: Gold  
 Chart: Hatch  
 Stitches: 393  
 Thread used: 6.53ft



Stop #: 3  
 Element:  
 Code: 211  
 Name: Grey  
 Chart: Hatch  
 Stitches: 56  
 Thread used: 2.41ft

**DECORATIVE STITCHING  
 STARTS HERE AT THE 4TH STITCHING**



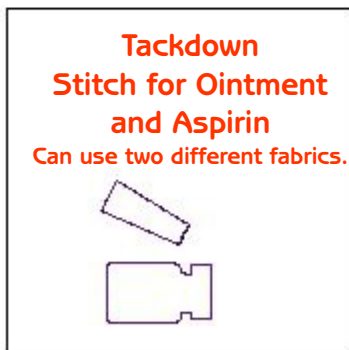
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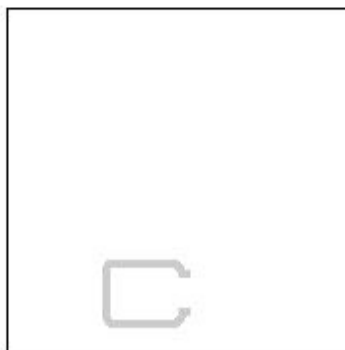
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 Chart: Hatch  
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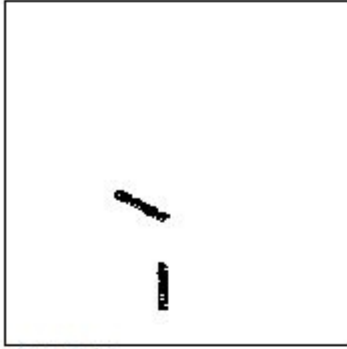


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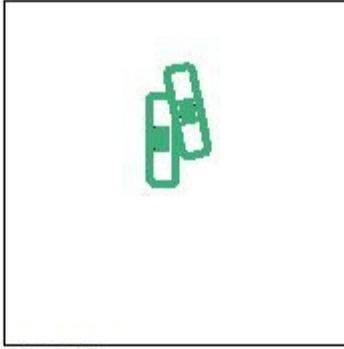
This will stitch out the cap. It doesn't show up on the graphic because white thread was used.

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 Chart: Hatch  
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 Thread used: 28.45ft

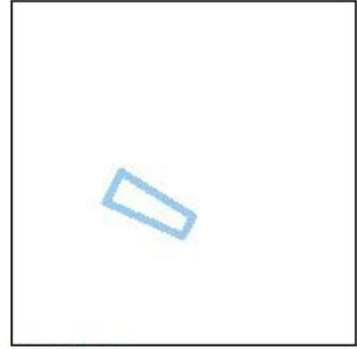




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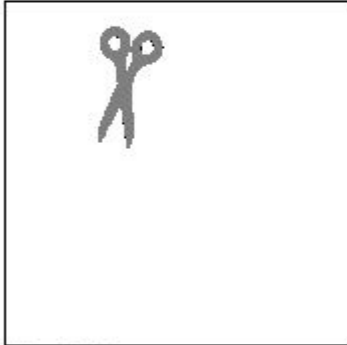


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 Stitches: 3,277  
 Thread used: 78.51ft

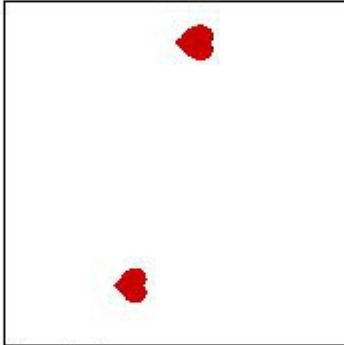


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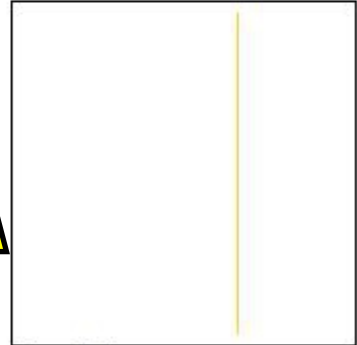
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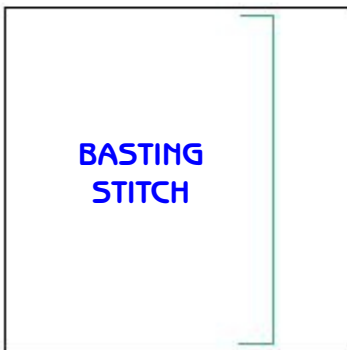
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 Stitches: 3,772  
 Thread used: 66.20ft



Stop # 14  
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 Code: 225  
 Name: Poinsettia  
 Chart: Hatch  
 Stitches: 1,884  
 Thread used: 36.57ft



Stop # 15  
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 Chart: Hatch  
 Stitches: 417  
 Thread used: 6.67ft



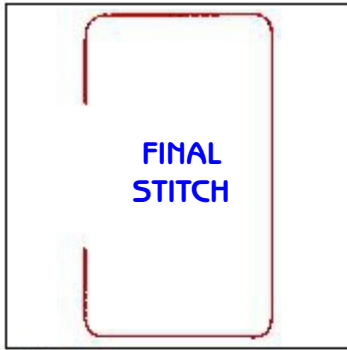
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 Thread used: 1.89ft



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 Name: Poinsettia  
 Chart: Hatch  
 Stitches: 3,265  
 Thread used: 52.10ft



Stop # 18  
 Element:  
 Code: 202  
 Name: Green  
 Chart: Hatch  
 Stitches: 1,212  
 Thread used: 19.90ft



Stop #: 19  
Element:  
Code: 225  
Name: Poinsettia  
Chart: Hatch  
Stitches: 1,020  
Thread used: 16.90ft