

## ITH Back to School Set-Boys

(5x7 & 6x8 inch bags)



Things you will need:

For the 5x7 size bag:-

Top Fabric-8x4 inches (1 piece), 8x9 inches (1 piece)-Front  
-8x6.5 inches (1 piece)—Back

Lining-8x6.5 inches (1 piece)

Fleece or thin batting-8x6.5 inches-optional (not required if using thick fabric)

Nylon zipper- best if it is more than 8”or at least 9” inches

Belt, ribbon or cord (optional)

1. Hoop medium weight Tearaway stabilizer (use 2 layers if light weight) and sew the outline and the placement lines of the zip.(1<sup>st</sup> stop)

NOTE: Use thread matching your fabric.



2. Place the zipper exactly in the middle of the 2 placement lines making sure both the ends are equally away from the sewing area! Tape it in place.



3. Sew the zipper tack down stitch.(2<sup>nd</sup> stop)
4. Fold and iron the 2 pieces of fabric we have for the front in half so as to get 8x2 inches & 8x4.5 inches!
5. Place the folded ends on either side of the zipper right beside the teeth, tape these in place!



6. Sew the fabric tack down stitch making sure the fabric doesn't shift or move while sewing.(3<sup>rd</sup> stop)
7. Complete the decorative stitches changing and using thread colors as you like.



8. Open the zip more than half way and lay the zipper pull flat, place your belt or ribbon if using any and tape it in place.



9. Lay the back fabric right side facing down, lay the fleece or batting if using over this.
10. Sew the next stitch which will close the whole top section.
11. Remove hoop from the machine and place the lining fabric on the reverse side of the hoop, making sure to cover the whole outline of the bag. Tape the 4 corners.



12. Place the hoop back in the machine and stitch the last outline which has a small gap.(last stop)



13. Unhoop and carefully tear away the excess stabilizer and trim the bag leaving ½ inch seam all around.
14. Trim the fleece even further to remove bulk from the edges, cutaway a little extra from the corners too.



15. Turn the bag through the gap, push out the corners using a very blunt tip scissor or any other suitable tool.
16. Iron it well, remove as much excess stabilizer as easily possible.
17. Expose the zipper by peeling away the stabilizer, turn the whole bag through the zipper opening.
18. Again push out the corners, iron well.
19. Hand stitch to close the gap in the lining.( you can easily turn the bag inside out and do it.)



**For the 6X8 inch bag-**

**(The whole process is same only the size or measurements will change)**

Things you will need:

Top Fabric-9x4 inches (1 piece), 9x9 inches (1 piece)—Front  
-9x6.5 inches (1 piece)—Back

Lining-9x6.5 inches (1 piece)

Fleece or thin bating-9x6.5 inches-optional (not required if using thick fabric)

Nylon zipper- best if it is more than 9” or at least 9” inches

Belt, ribbon or cord (optional)

Fold and iron the 2 pieces of fabric we have for the front in half so as to get 9x2 inches & 9x4.5 inches!

## **ITH PENCIL TOPPERS & BOOKMARKS:**

**(4x4 hoop)**



- Use material like felt, fleece, faux leather or anything that is thick, sturdy and will not fray easily.
- Hoop 2 layers of tear away stabilizer and stitch the 1<sup>st</sup> color, the outline.
- Lay a piece of felt covering the outline and hold it gently, sew the next tack down stitches.

- Change colors and complete the embroidery except the last color.
- Remove hoop and lay another piece of felt at the back of the hoop covering the outline and tape it in place.
- At this point use matching thread in the bobbin, same as the top thread.(so that the back side also looks good)
- Sew the last color.
- Remove, unhoop & cut around the stitch line neatly....careful not to get too close to the stitches!