

ITH Zippered Easter Bags

Note: The 2 fronts and 2 backs of the bag patterns can be interchanged.

Bunny Bag





NOTE: Do not use heavy or thick material/fabric for the 4x4 size, it becomes too bulky! Also the last step of adding the lining can be skipped as the bags are quite small and you can do without the lining. (Step 22)

Things you will need:

Top fabric- Fur, minky, fleece, felt or any other fabric.

Back fabric-fleece, felt or any other fabric.

Lining- 2 pieces

Nylon zipper (should be at least 2-3 inches longer than the requirement to keep it away from the sewing field)

Fleece to use as lining if the fabric used for top or back is not thick enough. (Optional)

1. This project will be done in 3 hoopings. All hoopings need 2 layers of Tearaway stabilizer, if its heavy only 1 layer will do.
2. 1st hooping will be the ears. Hoop tear away stabilizer and sew the 1st color, the outline for the 1st ear.
3. Lay piece of fabric (the one you want to see on the front of the ear) right side up, exceeding the outline by at least ½ inch from all sides.
4. Sew the next tack down stitch. If you wish to add any text you can do it at this step.
5. Next lay the other layer of fabric, right side facing down and sew the next color.



6. Remove hoop and trim the excess from both layers of fabric leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. Sew the final stitch which will help avoid fraying of the edges. (if using fleece or any other non-fraying materials, this stitching can be skipped)



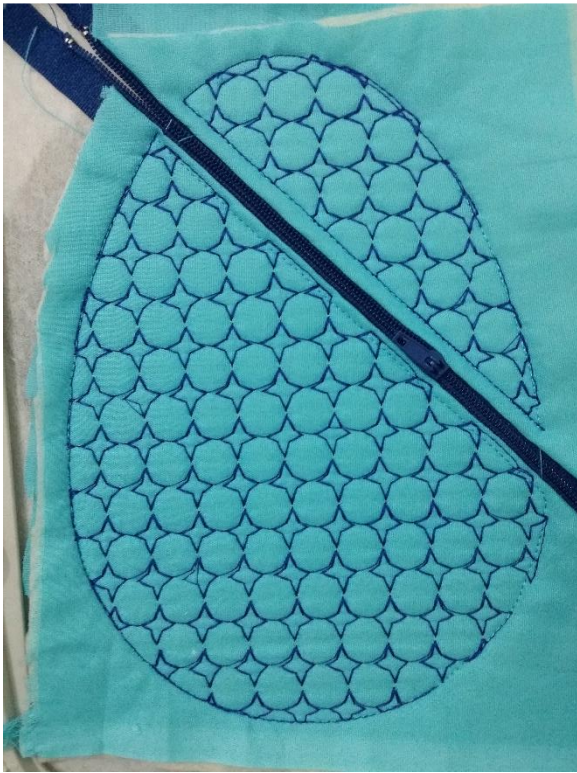
7. Repeat the same process for the 2nd ear, unhoop project turn the ears inside out and keep aside.
8. 2nd hooping will be the zippered back of the bag.
9. Hoop tear away stabilizer and sew the 1st color, the outline and zipper placement lines. (use thread same as the fabric)
10. Place the zipper exactly between the 2 lines and tape it in place. Sew the next tack down stitch.
11. Next place the top and bottom pieces of fabric on either side of the zipper, placing them right next to the teeth of the zipper. These should be right side up and exceed the outline by 1/2 inch from all sides. (If using any light fabric like cotton just use pieces

big enough to fold in half and place the folded edge besides the zipper teeth. If using heavier stuff or thick material like mink just fold 1 inch at the edge and place this besides the zipper.)



12. Either tape the pieces in place or hold till the next color is stitched out which will tack down the pieces.

13. Next will be decorative stitches, use which ever color is preferred.



14. Once this is done remove and unhoop project and keep aside as is. (don't trim the excess fabric now)
15. Next 3rd hooping, the bunny face. Hoop stabilizer and sew the outline.
16. Place your fabric and sew the next tack down stitch. (use same color as your material)

17. Next change colors and complete the embroidery of the eyes, mouth and nose.



18. Once this is done, place the prepared ears front side laying down and position them where ever you would like. Make sure they lay away from the outline, you may tape them up in the middle to make sure they don't get caught in the next steps but don't pile them as it will become too thick to move under the foot.



19. Tape the ears in place, lay 1 piece of lining at the back side of the hoop covering the whole outline. (Required only if the top fabric is a single layer like mink), tape in place.

NOTE: If you wish to add a belt, tape it in place at this point.

20. Open the zipper more than half way and lay the back over the front sandwiching the ears in between and carefully matching the outlines. (Best way is to match the south, north, east

and west points of the outline and pin the 4 positions. Make sure pins are away from the outline)



21. Sew the next outline stitch which will attach the back and front sides of the bag. (If in any case you did not match the outlines perfectly while placing the back, you can remove it and pin up again and repeat this outline.)
22. Last color is the partial outline. Place the lining fabric (preferably cotton) right side facing down over the hoop, tape in

place and sew the last color.(this step can be skipped for the 4x4 size)



23. Unhoop, tear away all the stabilizer. Trim the excess fabric leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam all around the bag, leave $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam at the opening.
24. Turn the bag through the opening, hand sew to close this opening.
25. Remove as much stabilizer as possible and the zipper will be exposed too.

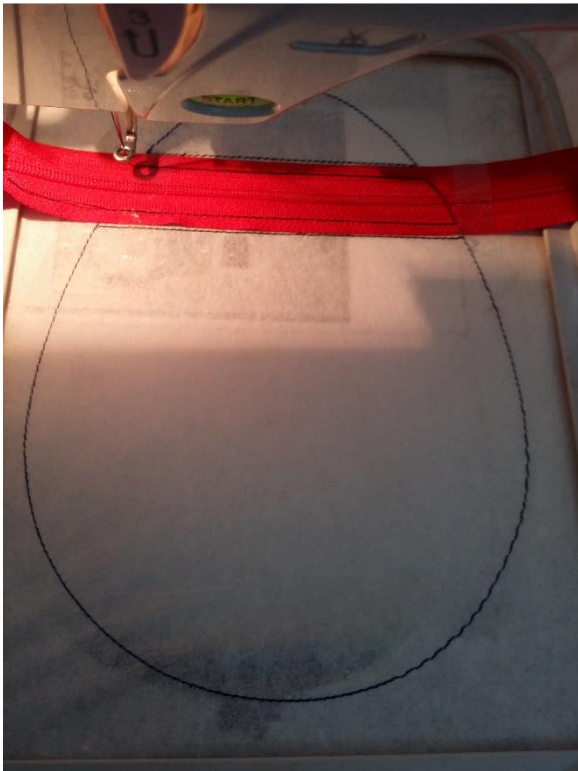
26. Turn the bag through the zipper. Your bag is ready.

APPLIQUE EASTER BAG



1. This will be done in 2 hoopings, for each of these you need to hoop 2 layers of tear away stabilizer.
2. 1st hooping will be the zippered back with pocket. Sew the 1st color, the outline and placement lines of the zipper.

3. Place zipper between the 2 lines and tape in place. Sew the next tack down stitch.



4. Use 2 pieces of fabric folded in half and place the folded edge right next to the teeth of the zipper. Make sure the fabric exceeds the outline by $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from all sides.



5. Sew the next tack down stitch, you will also give the placement line for the pocket.
6. Place the pocket fabric folded in half with the folded edge 1 cm above the placement line, tape in place.



7. Next will be tack down stitch for the pocket.
8. Complete the embroidery, unhoop and keep the back of the bag aside.



9. 2nd hooping, sew out the 1st color the outline.
10. Lay a layer of fleece and 1 layer of fabric exceeding the outline by ½ inch from all sides. (if fabric used is thick or heavy you can skip the fleece)(skip fleece for the 4x4 size)
11. Sew the tack down stitch and the next applique placement lines.



12. Lay down each piece of applique one at a time, tack down and trim as close as possible completing the applique design of 6 pieces.

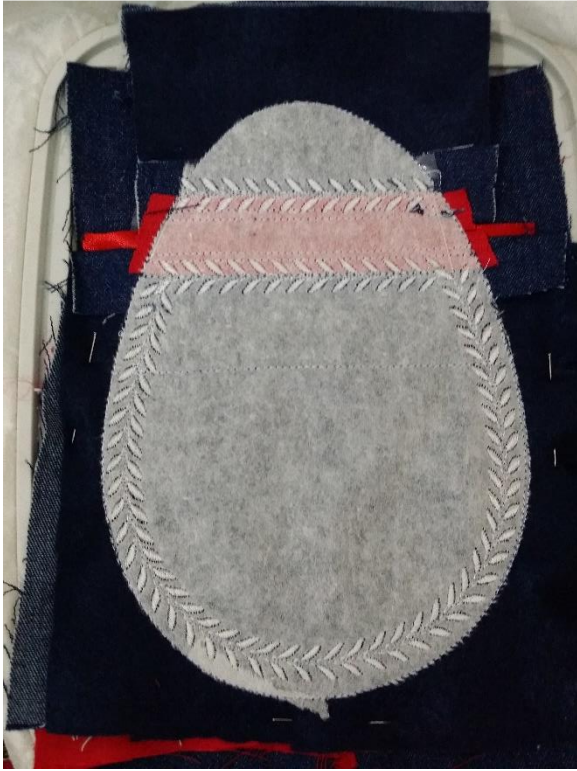


13. Next will be satin stitching of the 5 petals. After this the decorative stitching over the satin stitches as well as the satin stitching of the 6th applique piece.



14. Open the zipper more than half way and lay the back over the front carefully matching the outlines. (Best way is to match the south, north, east and west points of the outline and pin the 4 positions. Make sure pins are away from the outline)

NOTE: If you wish to add a belt, you can add it before the next color is stitched!



15. Sew the next outline stitch which will attach the back and front sides of the bag. (If in any case you did not match the outlines perfectly while placing the back, you can remove it and pin up again and repeat this outline.)
16. Last color is the partial outline. Place the lining fabric (preferably cotton) right side facing down over the hoop, tape in place and sew the last color.(skip this step for the 4x4 size)

17. Unhoop, tear away all the stabilizer. Trim the excess fabric leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam all around the bag, leave $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam at the opening.
18. Turn the bag through the opening, hand sew to close this opening.



19. Remove as much stabilizer as possible and the zipper will be exposed too.



20. Turn the bag through the zipper. Your bag is ready.