

ITH Shield Bag (4x4, 5x7 & 8x10)



1. Hoop 2 layers of Tearaway stabilizer and sew the 1 color which will be the outline and placement lines of all the patches.
2. Get 4 scraps of fabric ready for the patchwork. Lay each piece and tack it down with the next 4 color stops.(make sure you have 1 inch excess beyond the outer edge as this needs to be the seam allowance for the bag)
3. After each piece is stitched down trim the excess fabric from only the 2 inner edges on each piece.

4. After all 4 are stitched and trimmed, next will the satin stitch on the joints.
5. Later the decorative stitch over the satin stitch, you can use 2 contrasting colors for these.



6. Next lay a piece of fabric for the heart covering the middle heart.



7. Sew the tack down stitch and trim excess fabric.

8. Next color will be the satin stitch around the heart.

NOTE: Steps 9 to 11 don't apply to the 4x4 inch size as the small hearts are not applique!

For the 4x4 size, you will need to stitch the 2 small filled hearts first, then remove hoop and continue from step 12!

9. Stitch out the next color, the placement lines of the 2 small heart applique.

10. Lay small scraps of fabric over these outlines and sew the tack down stitch.
11. Remove hoop, trim excess fabric as close as possible to the stitched outline.



12. At the same time turn over the hoop and place the 2 ends of your belt or ribbon and tape them in place positioned at the back of the small hearts.(If need loops for buttons lay pieces of ribbon folded in half and tape it down before the ends of the belts, and then the belt over the loops)



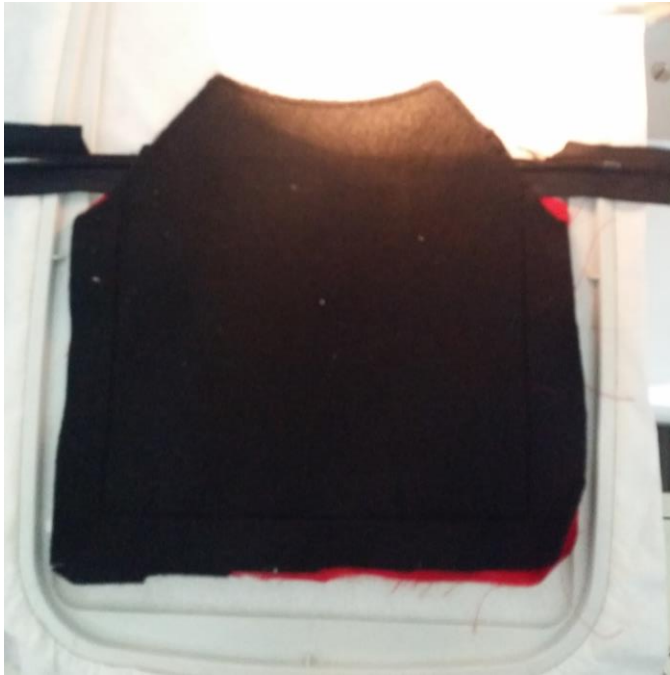
13. Next stitch the satin edges of the 2 little hearts, this will attach the belt as well.
14. Remove hoop and lay the lining fabric at the back of the hoop right side facing down towards the machine.(for the 5x7 & 8x10 sizes add a layer of thin batting of fleece as well between the 2 layers of fabric for sturdiness)
15. Tape it in place and sew the next outline.



16. Remove hoop and trim excess fabric of top layer as well as the lining only from the top edge and 2 little side as shown in the pic!!!DO NOT TRIM ALL AROUND THE BAG!



17. Next will be the satin stitching over the whole outline.
18. Lay the prepared back of the bag if using the zippered one aligning the top edge properly or just lay a piece of felt, fleece or any non-fraying fabric over the bag.(in both cases the backing will be right side facing down)



19. Sew the partial outline attaching the front and the back of the bag.
20. Remove hoop, Tearaway the excess stabilizer.
21. Trim excess fabric leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam all around, make little snips to help turn the bag neatly.



22. Iron well and add any closure as desired, snap buttons, Velcro, magnetic snaps, or buttons and loops are some options. NOTE: If you have used the plain back then you will need to trim the open edge to match up with the front.

For the zippered back:



1. Hoop Tearaway stabilizer and sew the 1st color, the placement lines.
2. Lay the zipper exactly in the mid of the 2 lines and tape it place.
3. Next color will tack down the zipper.
4. Use 2 pieces of fabric of suitable size to be folded in half and place them on either sides of the zipper with folded edge right next to the teeth of the zipper!

5. Next color will tack down these pieces as shown in the pic.(make sure you have 1 inch excess exceeding over the 3 straight edges)



6. Next will be the decorative stitches on either side of the zipper.
7. IMPORTANT STEP: Open the zipper half way.
8. Remove hoop and lay a piece of lining at the back of the hoop with the right side facing down towards the machine and tape it in place.
9. Sew the next color. Remove hoop and trim excess fabric only from the top edge as shown in the pic, do the same for the lining.



10. Next will be the satin stitching on the top edge.
11. Unhoop and Tearaway the excess stabilizer and add it to the front of the bag at the appropriate step.