# **ITH ZIPPERED LIPS BAG (3 sizes)**



# **Supplies-**

Nylon Zipper Fabric- 2 pieces for the front, 1 for the back and 1 for the lining (optional) Ribbon or cord for the belt. (optional) Thin batting or fleece. (if you wish to add thickness to your bag)

Tear-away stabilizer

#### PREPARING THE FABRIC-

• For the 5x7 size you need 2 pieces of the front fabric, 5 inches x 8 inches. Fold it in half to get 2.5 inches x 8 inches.

• Sandwich a piece of fleece or batting, 2.5 inches x 8 inches if you wish to add.



- 1 layer of back fabric, 5 inches x 8 inches.
- Same size of batting if using and same size of lining if using.
- Nylon zipper at least 9 inches long.

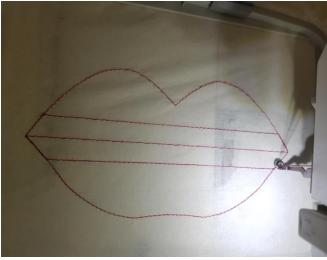
#### (PROCEDURE SAME AS ABOVE FOR ALL SIZES)

- For the medium size bag (8x8)- 2 front pieces 6 inches x 9 inches, folded in half to get 3 inches x 9 inches. Batting 3 inches x 9 inches.
- 1 piece back fabric, lining and batting 6 inches x 9 inches.
- Nylon zipper at least 10 inches long.
- For the large bag (8x11)- 2 pieces front fabric 7 inches x 10.5 inches, folded in half to get 3.5 inches x 10.5 inches.
- 1 piece back fabric, lining and batting 7 inches x 10.5 inches.

• Nylon zipper at least 12 inches long.

#### **PROCEDURE-**

1. Hoop medium weight tear-away stabilizer and sew the 1<sup>st</sup> color. NOTE: Use a thread color matching your fabric, preferably a polyester thread.



2. Place the zipper exactly in the middle of the placement lines and tape it place. Make sure your zipper is extending at least an inch from both ends so that the metallic ends are safely away from the outline.



- 3. Sew the  $2^{nd}$  color which will tack down the zipper.
- 4. Next take the prepared 2 pieces of the front, lay the folded side right next to the teeth of the zipper.
- 5. Position the fabric making sure it is equally extending from all sides of the outline and tape it in place if you wish. The upper lip will stitch first and then the lower lip.



- 6. 'OPEN THE ZIPPER' a little more than half way.
- 7. Add any loops, cords, or ribbons if using and tape these in place. Make sure they are secured properly and will not get caught while sewing the outline of the bag.



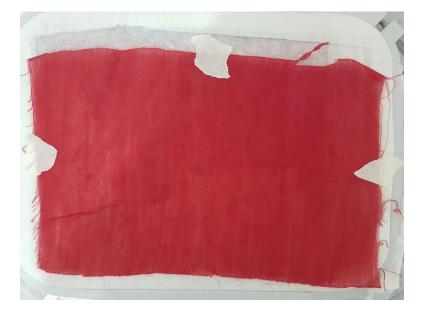
8. Now lay the back fabric, right side facing down over this. Lay a layer of fleece on top if you are using any.



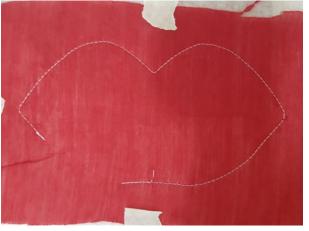
9. Hold these layers in place while the next color tacks it in place.10. If you wish to simplify the process and don't want to add lining. Your bag is done at this stage, move on to step 13.



11. If adding the lining, remove hoop and lay the lining on the back side of the hoop right side facing towards the hoop and not towards the bed of the machine. Tape it in place.



12. Get the hoop back on the machine and sew the last partial outline which will attach the lining.



- 13. Unhoop and tear away all the excess stabilizer. Snip off the excess zipper from both ends leaving <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch or 1 cm.
- 14. Trim the bag all around leaving a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch seam, leave a little extra at the opening of the lining.



- 15. Make little cuts or notches in the seam for proper turning as the lips shape is all curvy, make a proper cut in the corner of the mid of the upper lip. BE VERY CAREFUL not to cut too close to the stitches.
- 16. For bag without lining, peel away the stabilizer exposing the zipper. Open up the whole zipper and turn the bag inside out through here.
- 17. For the bag with the lining, carefully and gently turn the bag through the gap. Then peel away the stabilizer to expose the zipper and your bag can be completely turned inside out from here.



18. Don't forget to hand sew the gap in the lining or you can use any product like steam a seam.



# **ITH CHAPSTICK HOLDER**

Felt, fleece or similar non-fraying material Applique fabric

#### Tear-away stabilizer

Coordinating threads (Fill same color in the bobbin)

- 1. Hoop tear-away stabilizer and sew the 1<sup>st</sup> color the placement line.
- 2. Lay a piece of felt covering the outline and sew the 2<sup>nd</sup> color.
- 3. Next sew the placement line for the applique.



- 4. Lay the applique fabric and sew the next tack down stitch.
- 5. Trim the excess fabric, as close to the stitches as possible.
- 6. Next will be satin edging of the applique.
- 7. Remove hoop from the machine and lay a layer of felt at the back covering the whole outline, tape it in place.NOTE- you may add a loop of ribbon if you wish, sandwiched between the front and the back.
- 8. Sew the next color. You can stop here if you do not need the chapstick holder and just need it as a keychain. Simply sew the last color.

- 9. For the chap-stick holder remove hoop once again and lay another layer of felt, this time 1 inch short from any one end and this end should have a straight edge.
- 10. Lay it as shown in the pic and tape in place. Sew the last color.



11. Unhoop, remove excess stabilizer and trim neatly around the whole shape leaving 2-3 mm.