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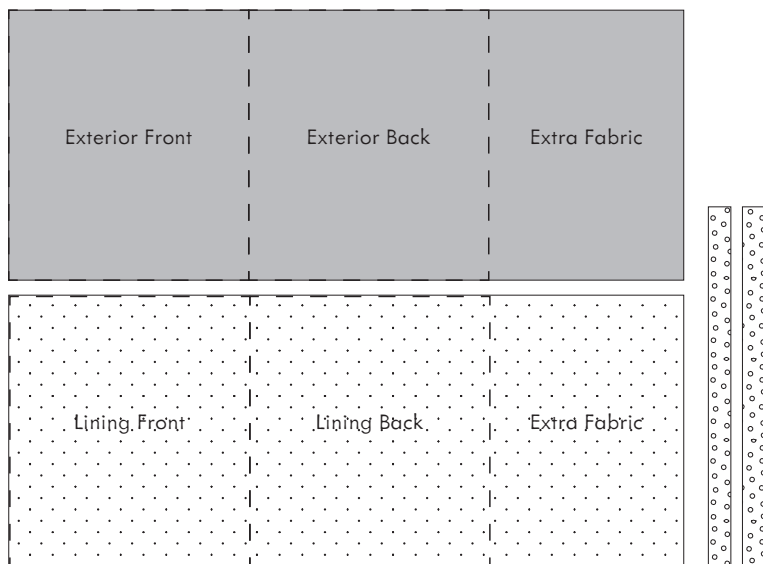
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Embroidered Halloween Tote

Cutting Guide



Main Fabric

Body: Cut 2 - 16" w x 18" h

Contrast Fabric

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Hint: Use extra lining fabric to cut out a pocket, which can be hemmed and stitched onto to the lining at least 2" below the top edge prior to Step 2.

Webbing

Straps: Cut 2 - 24" long

MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

For 44-45" Wide Fabric

Main Fabric (Solid): 1/2 yard

Contrast Fabric: 1/2 yard

Webbing (up to 1.5" wide)

1 1/3 yds or two 24" straps

Notions & Tools

Matching Thread

DMC Embroidery Floss in

Embroidery Hoop and Needle

Chalk Paper or Transfer Pen

Ruler or Seam Gauge

Sewing Instructions

All seams use a 1/2" seam allowance, unless otherwise noted.



Fig. 1

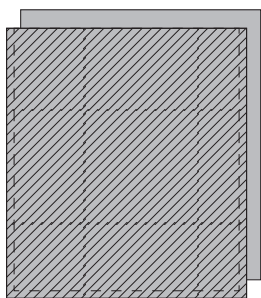


Fig. 2a

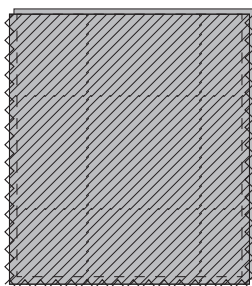


Fig. 2b

Step 1 - Cut Fabric & Embroider Design

Cut fabric and webbing as per the cutting guide. Using chalk paper or a transfer pen*, transfer design to the center of the exterior front (Fig. 1). Embroider design using stitching guide on page six. Remove embroidery from hoop and, using a pressing cloth to protect your work, iron to remove any hoop marks.

Step 2 - Stitch Bag Exterior & Lining

With right sides together, stitch together the sides and bottom of the exterior fabric panels (Fig. 2a). Finish edges with a zigzag stitch (Fig. 2b). Repeat for contrast panels to make lining.

**For tips on transferring designs visit
<http://www.msclavier.com/tutorials>*

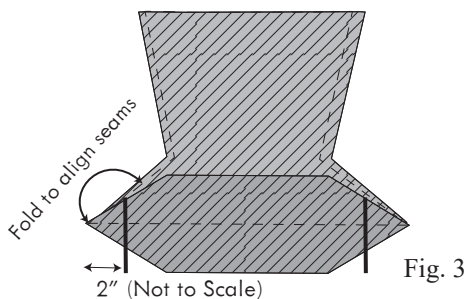


Fig. 3



Fig. 4

Step 3 - Box Bag Bottom (optional)

With the wrong side out, pull the ends of the exterior bottom bag seam outward so they align with the side seams and form a triangle on each end (Fig. 3). Using a ruler or seam gauge, make a mark 2" down from the end point of the bottom seam toward the center on each side. Draw a line perpendicular to the bottom seam along the mark. Stitch along the marked line. Repeat for lining. If desired, use a few hand stitches to tack down the points toward the center of the bag.

Step 4 - Join Exterior & Lining

Turn exterior right side out and keep lining wrong side out. Slide lining into exterior with wrong sides touching (Fig. 4). Zigzag top raw edges together.

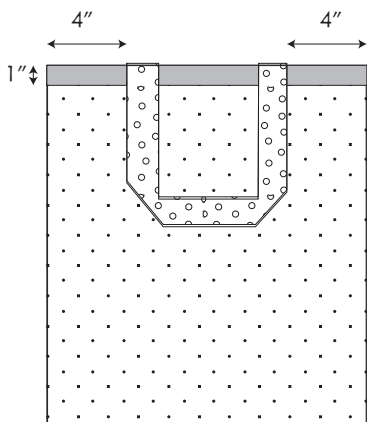


Fig. 5a

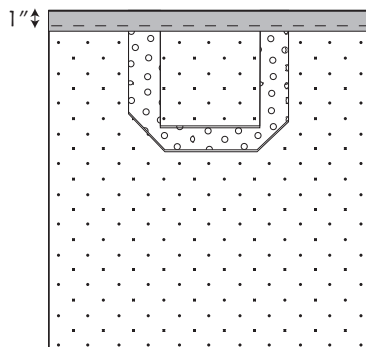


Fig. 5b

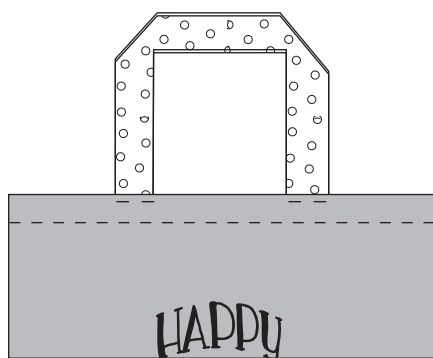


Fig. 5c

Step 5 - Hem Bag Top & Add Straps

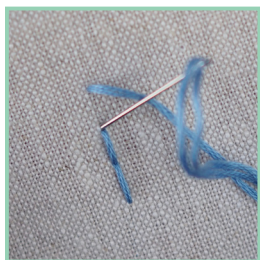
Turn bag body inside out. Fold down top edge down 1" toward bag lining and press. Making sure not to twist the straps, align ends of webbing to folded bag edge, placing straps 4" in from each edge and pin in place. Repeat for second strap. The "U" of the strap should hang down toward the bottom of the bag (Fig. 5a). Fold top edge of bag, along with the strap, down an additional 1", trapping the raw edge of the strap in the fold. Pin in place and stitch top hem of bag 3/4" from top folded edge (Fig. 5b). Turn bag right side out and fold strap upward and press in place (Fig. 5c). Edge stitch strap in place along top edge of bag.

Embroidery Stitch Guide

Text: Using 3 ply of floss in orange (DMC 946) work two rows of chain stitch for the wider left-hand side of each letter and back stitch for the remainder of the text.

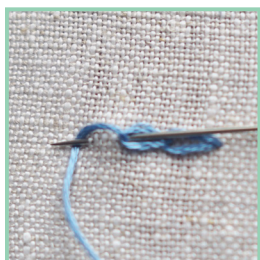
Pumpkin: Using 3 ply of orange (DMC 946), work pumpkin outline and face details in chain stitch. Using 3 ply of brown (DMC 434), work stem in chain stitch. Using 3 ply of green (DMC 937), work leaf and vine in chain stitch.

Tip: For extra fun, try stitching the design in glow-in-the-dark floss!



BACK STITCH

1. Make a stitch of desired length.
2. Along the design line, bring up the needle the length of one stitch away from previous stitch.
3. Bring needle backward and push down at the end of the previous stitch. Repeat steps 2-3.



CHAIN STITCH

1. Bring needle up through fabric, then push back through at same spot, leaving a small loop of desired length.
2. Along the design line, bring needle up through fabric at the base of the loop you just made (on the inside of the loop), then re-insert needle along the design line at the desired length of the loop, trapping the thread tail under the needle and pull tight. Repeat step 2.

GLOSSARY

Edge Stitch: On the right side of the fabric, use a short stitch length and stitch approximately 1/8" from the finished edge.

MAKER'S NOTES

Want to remember something for next time? Jot it down here!



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Embroidered Halloween Tote

Named for Bewitched's Samantha Stephens, this enchanting tote bag features a retro-inspired embroidered motif and a tidy lined interior. Simple instructions make this project perfect for the beginning embroiderer or sewist! Swap out the embroidery design and the tote can be a year-round favorite.

Pattern includes template for pumpkin embroidery and is a perfect companion to any of the 6" hoop designs available at www.MsClever.com

Not into embroidery? Simply use the pattern and your favorite fabrics to make an excellently-finished basic tote!

finished Measurements

15" w x 13.5" h x 4" d

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 DMC 946

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