

The Little Black Bag

Skill Level: Beginner

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Everyone needs a Little Black Bag. Use Pellon[®] Stick-N-Tear[™] to stabilize an embroidery design and make this fast and fabulous project. Embellish it for daytime use or an evening out. Sample used Pellon[®] 300 Thread-Count Cotton.

Fabrics Needed

Outside fabric

One 9" x 9" Square, One 6 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangle
and One 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle

Lining fabric

Two 6 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangles and One 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle

Materials Needed

Pellon[®] 987F Fusible Fleece

Two 6" x 7" rectangles and One 6" x 3" rectangle

Pellon[®] 841 Stick-N-Tear[™]

One 8" x 8" square

Pellon[®] 807 Wonder-Web[®]

Small amount for fusing ribbon

Thread

Ten Size 8 pony beads

Two Snaps

Embroidery thread

3/8" satin ribbon

2 yards

Tools Needed

Embroidery sewing machine and related supplies

Instructions

Draw a 6 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangle on the right side of the 9" x 9" outside fabric square. Place the square in the embroidery hoop lining it up so that the chosen design is stitched in the bottom area of the finished bag. Peel the paper off the Stick-N-Tear™ and place it on the back side of the fabric in the embroidery hoop. Embroider the chosen design.



Remove and tear off the stabilizer.



Using a rotary cutter, ruler and mat, cut the outside bag fabric with the embroidery to 6 1/2" x 7 1/2" (on the drawn line if the design is centered). If it is not centered, recenter the embroidery design so it is 1 1/2" from the bottom raw edge and centered from side to side.



Center the Fusible Fleece onto the wrong side of the bag lining pieces and the flap lining piece. Fuse into place.

Place the front and back lining pieces right sides together. Stitch the sides and the bottom using a 3/8" seam allowance. Press the side seams open. Finger press the bottom seam open.



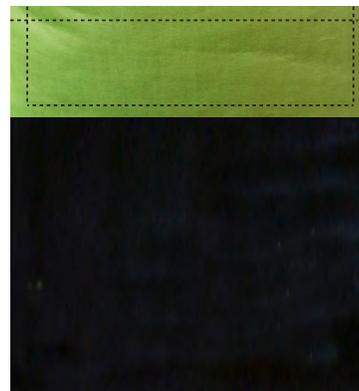
Place the flap lining front and back right sides together and stitch the sides and the bottom using a 3/8" seam allowance. Press seams open down the side edges. Finger press the bottom seam open.



Flap from lining side

Place the flap outside and the flap lining right sides together. Stitch the sides and the bottom of the flap (the part that is not sewn to the bag) using a 1/4" seam allowance. Cut corners on a slant to reduce bulk. Turn right side out and press. Topstitch 1/4" in from stitched edge.

Place the front and back outside fabric pieces right sides together. Stitch the sides and bottom using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams open down the side edges. Cut the corner on a slant to reduce bulk. Turn right side out.



Place the flap outside against the top of the back of the bag. It should extend from side seam to side seam. Pin in place. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Place the outside bag in the lining, right sides together. Make sure the flap is between the lining and the bag. Start stitching on the back side of the bag 1 1/2" from the side seam. Stitch around the top using a 1/4" seam allowance stopping on the back 1 1/2" from the other side seam. (There will be a 3" opening.)



Pull the bag out through the opening. Press the bag and the lining. Tuck the lining into the bag, poking out the corners.

Slipstitch opening closed.



Pin one end of the ribbon to one side seam. Measure the bag strap length to fit. Cut off the extra ribbon. Cut one more ribbon the same length. Place the one ribbon right side down on an ironing board. Place the other ribbon right side up on top of the first ribbon and pin to the iron board every few inches. Cut little strips of the Wonder-Web® and place between the two pieces of ribbon and fuse a few inches at a time.

Pin the ends of the completed strap 1" in on each side of the bag. Handstitch into place.

Sew one snap on each side of the flap and sew the corresponding snap piece on the bag to close the flap.

Sew 5 beads to the outside of the flap on each bottom corner.

