



Kreative Kiwi Embroidery

FREE SWIM BAG INSTRUCTIONS

What can be more cute on a swim bag, than a beautiful mermaid
Add your child's name and you have a unique and useful gift.



FINISHED SIZE

12 x 18 inch

MATERIALS

.25 metre Blue drill fabric (based on 44 inch width)

3 metres piping cord

5 inches ribbon

Tear-away Stabiliser

These instructions include 5 free Redwork Mermaid designs

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Fold your fabric in half lengthwise and cut along the length a 15 inch rectangle

PREPARATION

To find the centre point for your embroidery, fold in half lengthwise and either press, or mark a line with a water soluble pen.

From the bottom folded edge, measure up 18 inches and mark or press.

Mark or press a further line 1 inch from that mark (ie 17 inches) – that is the casing line.

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To centre your design exactly in the middle, mark a line half way between those points (8.5 inches)
Where the lines cross, is the centre point for your embroidery.

Hoop tearaway stabiliser and fabric
Send design to machine
Embroider your chosen design
Remove finished design from hoop
Remove stabiliser



CONSTRUCTION

Machine neaten the 2 long sides of the bag by pressing 6mm to wrong side and then turning again.



Stitch close to the edge



Remark, or use original 18 inch line across the top of bag, add 1.5inches to that line and cut, this is for the fold back to create the casing.

As before, turn 6mm towards wrong side, then fold over again 1 inch, and top stitch close to the edge. This seam will show on the rightside of the bag, so you could also add a fancy stitch if you like.



Now you are ready to stitch the sides – to add the little handles at the bottom of the bag, you need to cut your ribbon into 2.5 inch pieces, then press in half



As per the photo, place ribbon about 1 cm up from bottom of bag, with the loop facing in towards the right side of the bag.



Fold bag in half, right sides together, ensuring your ribbon is still in place (on both sides of bag)

Stitch right down length of bag, just catching in the top of your casing – do not stitch right to the end, or there will be no hole for your cord



THREADING CORD AND CREATING STRAPS

I used a cord length of 75inches **

First thing to do is thread your cord thru your ribbon handles at the bottom of the bag



Then using a safety pin thread your cord from the handle side, thru each side of the casing to the opposite side, then knot the 2 ends together.

Do the same with the other side



All done! Get your child to try the bag on for size, and knot the straps appropriately.

Here is the swim bag I made Jaime using same bag pattern. Because I was using one of my test samples, I applied the design to the bag, and fringed the edges.

