



## PROJECT: RAGGY BAG

### MATERIALS

50cm (22in) plain fabric ( $\frac{1}{2}$  metre)  
 50cm (22in) plain fabric ( $\frac{1}{2}$  metre) for lining  
 Pellon ( $\frac{1}{2}$  metre) - there will be left overs for other projects  
 Heavy tearaway stabiliser  
 Machine embroidery threads  
 Bobbinfill  
 Construction thread

FINISHED SIZE: 14in x 15in (36cm x 39cm)

### CUTTING DIRECTIONS

#### Embroidered Block

Cut a 9in x 13in rectangle of fabric \*You can use a neutral background fabric to show off your embroidery, or as I did on the pink bag, used the back of the bag fabric.

#### Bag Fabric

Cut 2 5in x 12 in rectangles for the bag sides  
 Cut 1 4in x 16in rectangle for the bag top  
 Cut 1 15in x 16 in rectangle for the back of the bag  
 Cut 2 3in x 18in rectangles for the bag straps

#### Lining Fabric

Cut 2 5in x 12 in rectangles for the bag sides  
 Cut 1 8in x 12in rectangle for the bag front  
 Cut 1 4in x 16in rectangle for the bag top  
 Cut 1 15in x 16 in rectangle for the back of the bag

Pellon

Cut 2 4in x 11in rectangles for the bag sides

Cut 1 7in x 11in rectangle for the bag front

Cut 1 3in x 15in rectangle for the bag top

Cut 1 14in x 15in rectangle for the back of the bag

Cut 2 1in x 18in rectangles for the bag straps

EMBROIDERY - 9in x 13in rectangle

To mark the centre for aligning in your hoop, measure 7 inches down from the top of the fabric and mark, then fold in half lengthways and mark - (if you simply mark the centre of the rectangle, your design will be too low on the bag).

Download your chosen design to your machine. Hoop the fabric with tearaway stabiliser using the centre markings to assist with accurate hooping. Stitch out the design, remove the stabiliser and trim any jump threads. Press face down on a thick towel.

Cut your embroidered block down to an 8in x 12in rectangle - ensuring the centre of your design is 6in from the top.



CONSTRUCTION



Using a dry iron, press the 7in x 11in pella piece to back of your embroidered design, then lay the 8in x 12in lining piece (right side out) on top, to make a sandwich.

Take your sandwich to your machine, and stitch around the outside edge, using a  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch seam allowance



Following the above instructions make a further 2 fabric sandwiches using your 2 5in x 12in fabric and lining, and 2 4in x 11in pella pieces.

Join the 2 sides to the embroidered panel ensuring you stitch with **WRONG SIDES** together



To create the bag handles, turn and press 1 edge of the strap under for  $\frac{1}{2}$ in, then using a dry iron press the 3in x 18in pella piece about  $\frac{1}{2}$ in from the raw edge. Press the raw edge over the pella, then press the ironed edge over the top to encase the pella completely. Stitch close to the edge on both sides.



To create the bag top, use the 4in x 16in fabric and lining pieces and 3in x 15in pellon piece, using a dry iron, press the pellon piece to the back of the fabric piece

Mark where you would like the bag handles to be - I lined them up with embroidered block



This time as per the photo, make a sandwich with the bag fabric and lining material **RIGHT SIDES** together, with the bag handles, matching your marks. Stitch with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ in seam allowance





Press lining to back, and top stitch close to the edge



Create the back of the bag in the same way, using 15in x 16in bag fabric and lining, and the 14in x 15in pellon rectangle



To finish the front of the bag, sew the bag handle piece to your embroidered block piece with WRONG SIDES together, and using a 1/2in seam allowance



To create the bottom of the bag, place completed front and back on a hard surface, and as per the photo mark a 2in square on both sides of the bottom. Cut thru all layers.



Place bag front and back with **RIGHTSIDES** together and stitch along bottom of bag using a 1/2in seam allowance. Machine neaten raw edges.



To complete the sides (with the rag edge), place bag front and back together with **WRONG SIDES** together and stitch each side using a 1/2in seam allowance.



To complete the bag, as per photo turn bag inside out, and match up raw edges, then stitch using a 1/2in seam allowance. Machine neaten raw edges.



Thats it! Your bag is completed, now you just need to cut the raw edges. I cut about every 1/4in





Now I just 'fluffed' the raw edges with my hands, and I was quite happy with the results, but as with rag quilts, to make the edges really rag, wash the bag, then place in dryer.

