

SUNBONNET SUE PYJAMA CASE



This is a very simple project, that you can adapt to any size (or shape) that you wish.

This is a great project to use material that is 'tricky' with machine embroidery - you can use a fluffy material as the main case fabric, and as long as you use a cotton fabric as your design background you can be confident your design will stitch as it should do. - Just make sure if you do use a furry or fleecy fabric, that after stitching colour 1, that you cut out the central oval!!

MATERIALS NEEDED

A length of background material measuring at least the width you require + 1 inch, and double the finished length you require + 4 inches.

As a guide, I used a 'scrap' of material I had that measured 14 by 30 **If using a zip closure, you can take 3 inches off the length.

A scrap of fabric for the design background that fits your 5x7 hoop.

GETTING STARTED

To position your Sunbonnet Design, simply fold your main material in half lengthwise and either iron or mark the position with a water soluble marker, then fold in half width wise and either iron or mark the position. This will give you the absolute centre of your material, and that will be the 'mark' that you use to centre your fabric in-the-hoop.

Hoop your background material together with appropriate stabiliser.
(I use a cut-away, as the material is quite flimsy)



Thread your machine with a neutral colour.

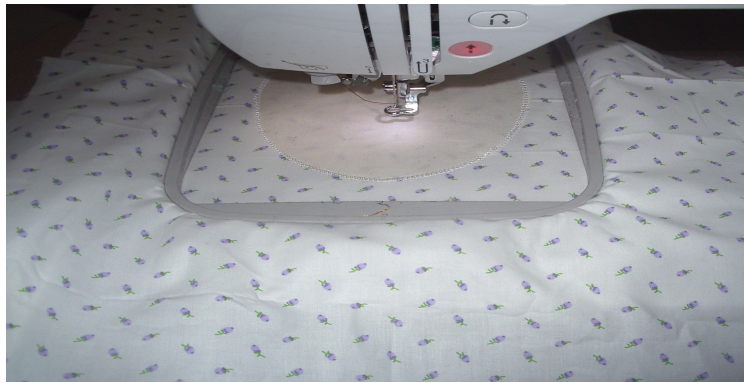
Sew colour 1 - this will give you the oval outline to place your design background material.

Depending on the thickness of your background material, (if you have a particularly heavy fabric, or maybe a cute fake fur material), you can remove your hoop from the machine, and cut the centre oval out, ensuring you do not cut thru the stabiliser.

Place your scrap of material over this outline, and without changing thread colour, sew colour 2 - this attaches the design background material to your main fabric.

Remove your hoop from the machine, and trim around the edge to remove the excess fabric.

Reattach your hoop to the machine, and still using your neutral thread, sew colour 3, this zig zag type stitch ties your 2 fabrics together.



NOW FOLLOW THE THREAD CHART COLOUR CHANGES.

Colour 4 is the 'frame' of your design.

Complete your sewout as you would normally do.



COMPLETING THE PYJAMA CASE

The back of the pyjama case has a centre opening.

There are a variety of options you can use:

Attach velcro to the 2 closing edges of the back panel

Attach a cute button, and complete a corresponding buttonhole on the other edge

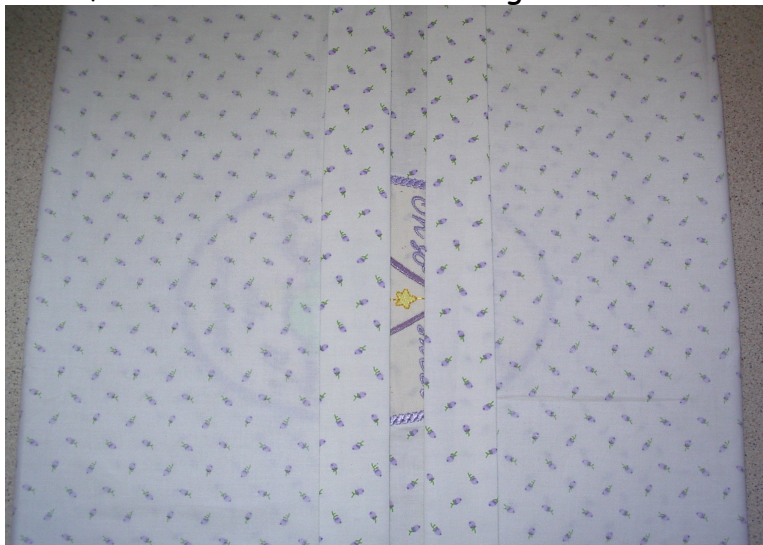
Join the 2 edges with a zip

I have chosen to just leave my pyjama case 'open', as I have made the pyjama case for my little Ruby, who is 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, and having a closure would make it harder for her to use (right at the moment).

Either way, you need to:

Neaten the 2 side edges (zip directions, please read below)

I like a one inch 'band', so from the wrong side turn over 1 inch and iron, then fold another 1 inch and fold, then stitch close to the edge.



The one little 'trick' to ensure your case sits right when finished, is the top edge needs to fit over the bottom edge when you turn your case right side out.



Therefore as per the photo, *(which is right sides together simply overlapping the 1 inch bands to meet the centre of your embroidery design)* when working from the wrong side of the material, you need to have the top edge under the bottom edge.

This ensures the back of the pyjama case sits nicely when finished, and doesn't gape open.

Once you have confirmed which is top and bottom, then:
the top edge would have the buttonhole, or fluffy side of the velcro, and the bottom edge will have the button, or the loopy side of the velcro.

(I hope I haven't made this confusing, when you are actually constructing the case, you will see how it works)

ZIP**

If you are putting a zip in, simply zig zag the raw edges, then iron a 1cm seam to the wrong side, then from the right side stitch one side of the zip to one edge, close the zip and place your second side - matching centres, and stitch your second edge.
THEN OPEN THE ZIP BEFORE YOU SEW THE SIDE SEAMS!! (this lets you turn your case to the right side)

Now this is done, simply stitch down the 2 sides and zig zag the raw edges, and turn your pyjama case to the right side.



VARIATIONS

To make a circular pyjama case, once you have completed the 2 closing edges, you can trace around a dinner plate, use that line as your stitching line, trim back your edges and then zig zag, then turn rightside out.



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