

Pickle PieTM

DESIGNS

Charlene Crossbody Bag

Stitch a pretty crossbody bag featuring a lovely monogram font, decorative quilt stitching, a ribbon accent, and a zipper closure. Use designer cotton quilt fabrics or experiment with specialty fabrics to create your own unique look.



Let's Get Started!

Gather your supplies...

- 1/2 Yard Main Fabric
- 1/3 yard Lining Fabric
- 1/6 Yard Strap Fabric:
- Scrap of Fabric for Applique
- Cotton Batting
- Tearaway Stabilizer
- Fusible Webbing
- Medium Weight Fusible Interfacing
- 1/4 Yard 7/8" wide Grosgrain Ribbon Zipper with plastic teeth:
 - 9" or larger for Medium Bag
 - 7" or larger for Small Bag
- Set of Pickle Pie Designs Purse Hardware or other clasps and D-rings, 1/2" width
- Size 80 Microtex Sharp Needle
- Seam Tape, optional

A few notes before you begin...

- All sizes listed are width x length
- You can use a zipper that is longer than the given sizes and cut off the excess. Zipper must have plastic teeth.
- WST = Wrong Side Together
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Design info...

- Medium Bag:
Hoop size 6x10 or larger
Design size: 5.9" x 8.8"
- Small Bag:
Hoop size 5x7 or larger
Design Size: 4.5" x 6.8"

Prepare your materials...

Follow the charts below to cut, fold, & label your materials, finding the columns for your chosen bag size...

Cut and Fold Main Fabric

For:	Label:	Medium Bag	Small Bag
Lower Front	A	7.5" x 9.5" - Fold to 7.5" x 8.5" WST*	6" x 7.5" - Fold to 6" x 6.5" WST*
Upper Front	C	7.5" x 3" - Fold to 7.5" x 2" WST*	6" x 3" - Fold to 6" x 2" WST*
Back Pocket	F	7.5" x 19" - Fold to 7.5" x 9.5" WST*	6" x 14" - fold to 6" x 7" WST*
Back	G	7.5" x 10.5"	6" x 9"

Cut and Fold Lining Fabric...

For:	Label:	Medium Bag	Small Bag
Lower Front Lining	D	7.5" x 9.5" - Fold to 7.5" x 8.5" WST	6" x 7.5" - Fold to 6" x 6.5" WST
Upper Front Lining	E	7.5" x 3" - Fold to 7.5" x 2" WST	6" x 3" - Fold to 6" x 2" WST
Back Lining	H	7.5" x 10.5"	6" x 9"

Cut Strap Fabric

For:	Medium Bag	Small Bag
Strap Piece 1	42" x 2"	42" x 2"
Strap Piece 2	12" x 2"	12" x 2"

* WST = Wrong Sides Together

Cut Applique Fabric...

For:	Label:	Medium Bag	Small Bag
Applique	B	4" x 4"	3.5" x 3.5"

Cut Fusible Interfacing...

For:	Label:	Medium Bag	Small Bag
Back Pocket	F	7.5" x 9"	6" x 7"
Strap*	Strap	.5" x 54"	.5" x 54"

*You can use 2 separate cuts for this piece if your interfacing is wider than 54"

Cut Fusible Webbing...

For:	Medium Bag	Small Bag
Applique	3.5" x 3.5"	3" x 3"

Cut Cotton Batting...

For:	Label:	Medium Bag	Small Bag
Lower Front	A	7.5" x 8.5"	6" x 6.5"
Upper Front	C	7.5" x 2"	6" x 2"
Bag Back	G	7.5" x 10.5"	6" x 9"

Make the Strap...

Lay one strap piece on a table, right side up. Place the second strap piece over the first piece, right side down, as shown, leaving a 1/4" overlap on each edge.



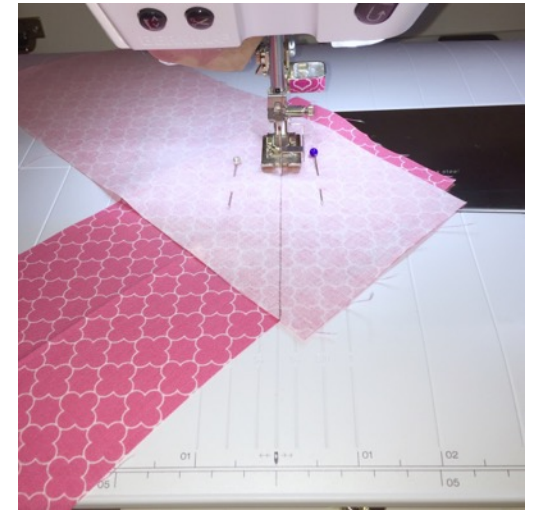
Mark a line on the fabric, from one corner to the other.



Pin to secure.



On your sewing machine, stitch along the marked line.



Remove the pins and trim to a 1/4" seam allowance.



Unfold and press the seam open.



Strap, continued...

Fold the strap in half, lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press.



Open the fold and place the interfacing for the strap against the inner fold. Press to fuse.



Fold the bottom edge up to the center and press.



Fold the top half down to the center and press.

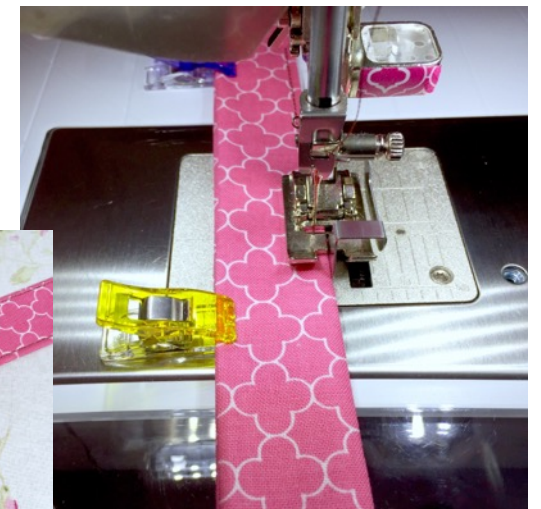


Fold the top down once more. Press, then pin or use Wonder Clips to secure.

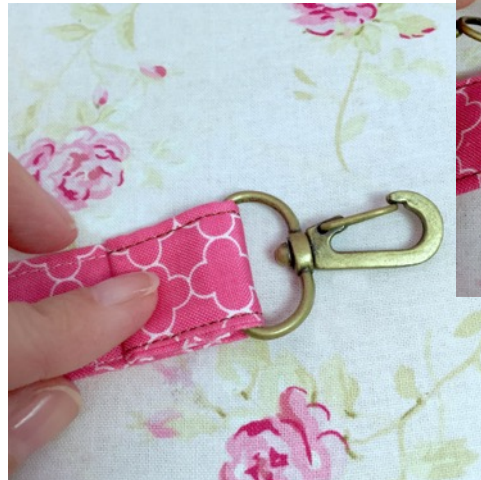


Topstitch along the length of the strap, first on the closed side, then repeat along the open side.

Cut off two 3" lengths from the strap and set them aside.



Slide the strap through one clasp. Fold the strap in 1/2" - 1", then fold again. Pin or clip to hold in place.



Stitch across the strap to close. Repeat on opposite end to complete the strap. Set aside.

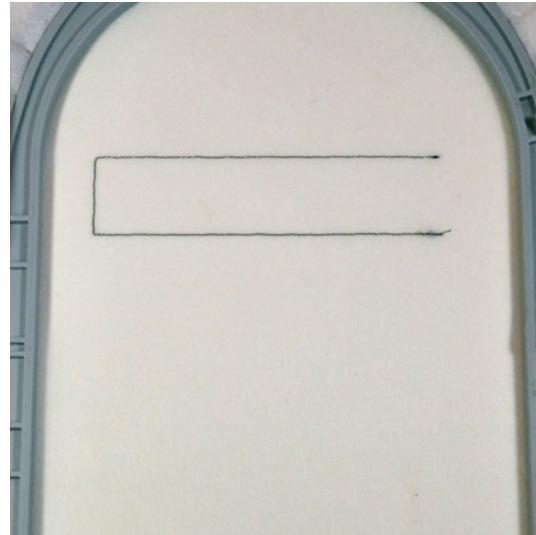


Other fabric prep...

- Open the fold of Fabric A. Place Batting A into fold, butting it up against the inner fold. Refold Fabric A over Batting A. Set aside. Repeat with Fabric C and Batting C.
- Press Fusible Webbing to the back of Fabric B. Set aside.
- Unfold Fabric F. Place Fusible Interfacing F inside, butting it up against the inner fold. Press to fuse according to manufacturer's instructions. Refold, wrong sides together, and set aside.

Let's Stitch! Load the design to your embroidery machine...

1. Hoop a piece of tearaway stabilizer in the appropriate hoop size to fit your design. Using thread to coordinate with your main fabric, sew Stitch Sequence 1 to stitch a placement line for your zipper.



2. Center the zipper inside the placement lines. The zipper teeth should be right side up, and the zipper pull should be on the left. Be sure each end of the zipper extends at least 1" past the ends of the placement lines. Tape the ends of the zipper down. You can use extra tape at the top and bottom edges of the zipper as well.



3. Sew Stitch Sequence 2 to tack down the zipper. Remove any tape from the top and bottom of the zipper.



4. Place Fabric A over the project, right side up with the fold right below the zipper teeth. Tape in place along the edges and bottom.

Sew Stitch Sequence 3 to tack down and create the quilting stitches.



5. Sew Stitch Sequence 4 to stitch placement lines for your ribbon, as indicated by the arrows.



6. Center your ribbon across the placement lines. Tape in place along the edges.

Using thread that matches your ribbon, sew Stitch Sequence 5 to tack down the ribbon.



7. Using thread that coordinates with your applique fabric, sew Stitch Sequence 6 to stitch a placement line for the applique fabric..



8. Remove any paper backing from the fusible webbing on Fabric B. Place the fabric, right side up, over the placement line.

Sew Stitch Sequence 7 to stitch a cutting line.



9. Remove the hoop from your machine and trim around the cutting line getting as close as you can to the stitches.



10. Put the hoop back on your machine and sew Stitch Sequence 8 to stitch zigzag stitches. If there are any threads hanging outside of the zigzag stitches, trim them before the next step.



11. Sew Stitch Sequence 9 to stitch the satin stitches.



12. Using the thread color you chose for the monogram, sew Stitch Sequence 10 to stitch the monogram.



13. Place the Fabric C sandwich over the project with the fold placed just above the zipper teeth. Tape in place along the sides and top.

Using thread to coordinate with your main fabric, sew Stitch Sequence 11 to tack it down and stitch the quilting stitches.



14. Remove the hoop from your machine and turn it over to the back. Place Fabric D over the bottom half of the project, right side up. Align the fold just above the lower zipper tack down line. Tape in place to secure along the bottom and sides.



15. Place Fabric E over the top half of the hoop, right side up. Align the fold just above the upper zipper tack down line. Tape in place to secure along the top and sides.



16. Replace the hoop on the machine. Sew Stitch Sequence 12 to tack down Fabrics D and E near the zipper.

Important! Before moving on, you'll need to pull open the zipper 2/3 of the way, as shown. If you forget, the zipper will not open in your final bag.



17. Sew Stitch Sequence 13 to create placement lines for the strap tabs. You may want to use a contrasting thread for this stitch sequence so you can see the placement lines more easily.



18. Fold a 3" length of strap in half. Slide a D-ring inside until it meets the fold. Clip or pin the raw edges to hold in place for the next step. Repeat with the second 3" strap and D-ring.



19. Place a strap/D-ring piece over the left placement line, with the raw edges toward the top of the project, overlapping the placement line by 1/2". Tape in place above the placement line. Be sure the D-ring is well below the straight stitch line on Fabric C so the presser foot won't hit it in subsequent steps.



Repeat with the other 3" strap, placing it over the right placement line D. Be sure the bottoms of the D-rings are aligned.

20. Place tape over each strap tab across the top stitch line of the bag to prevent your presser foot from getting caught under them during the next stitch sequence. The next stitch sequence will stitch over the tape. Alternatively, you can tape a piece of water soluble topping over the straps, which may be easier to remove than tape.



21. Sew Stitch Sequence 14 to tack down the pieces. Remove the tape around the stitch lines carefully before the next step.



To prevent the D-rings from shifting near the side seams (and potentially getting stitched over during the final step), place a piece of tape over them to hold them in place.)

22. Place Fabric F over the project with the fold at the top. If you are using a directional fabric, note that the side facing down now will face out in the final project. Align the fold with the top of the zipper teeth. Tape in place along the sides and bottom.



23. Place Fabric G over the project, right side down. Tape in place along the edges.



24. Center the remaining batting over the project. Tape in place.

Sew Stitch Sequence 15 to tack down the pieces along the bottom.



25. Remove the hoop from your machine and turn it over to the back. Center Fabric H over the project, right side down. Tape in place.



26. Put the hoop back on your machine.

Sew Stitch Sequence 16 to complete your project.



27. Remove the hoop from your machine and remove the project from the hoop. Tearaway the excess stabilizer.



28. Trim around the project leaving a 1/2" seam allowance. Clip the corners.



29. Turn the bag right side out through the opening in the bottom, pressing out the corners as you go. (Don't panic - you'll be turning it one more time in just a bit!)



30. Close the bottom opening by fusing a piece of seam tape in place, following manufacturer's instructions, or whipstitch it closed by hand.



31. Remove the exposed tearaway stabilizer that is covering the zipper. It helps to use tweezers to poke a hole in the stabilizer to get it started.



32. Turn the bag right side out once more through the zipper, poking out the corners as you go.



33. Press your bag, then attach the clasps on the strap to the D-rings to complete your bag.



You're done!
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