

KATE'S STITCHING & CRAFT BAG

SMALL WHEN I ARRIVE
AND EXPANDED
WHEN I LEAVE...

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MATERIALS

- Bernina Artista 200E sewing/embroidery machine
- Bernina Mega Hoop 400mm x 150mm (16in x 6in)
- Bernina software and transfer device
- Bernina Linen Closet design collection
- 1m (1¹/₈yd) black cotton drill (as it is durable)
- 1m (1¹/₈yd) Quilt Magic lightweight fusible batting
- 1m (1¹/₈yd) lining fabric
- Three 55cm (21¹/₂in) white zippers
- One 35cm (14in) black zip
- Two 'O' rings
- 20cm (8in) iron-on interfacing
- Machine feet: embroidery, zipper, construction
- Machine needle: embroidery size 80
- White embroidery thread for the needle
- Fine white thread for the bobbin
- Black and white construction threads
- Rotary cutter, self-healing cutting mat and quilting ruler
- Chalk pencil
- General sewing requirements



Kate's clever little expandable bag has three zippered inverted-pleat gussets that allow the bag to expand on a need-to-shop basis.

PREPARATION

- 1 Use the rotary cutter, self-healing cutting mat and quilting ruler to cut:

From the black cotton drill

- seven, 4¹/₂in x 24in strips for the bag
- one, 4¹/₂in x 34in strip for the top of the bag
- one, 3in x 34in strip for the bag strap
- two, 5¹/₂in x 10¹/₂in strips for the side gusset
- one, 3¹/₂in x 2¹/₂in strip for the zipper end cover
- two, 4¹/₂in x 2¹/₄in strips for the 'O' ring holders.

From the Quilt Magic lightweight fusible batting

- seven, 4¹/₂in x 24in strips to back the matching bag strips
- two, 5¹/₂in x 10¹/₂in strips to back the matching side gusset strips.

- 2 Use a hot steam iron to fuse the batting strips to the back of the matching fabric strips.

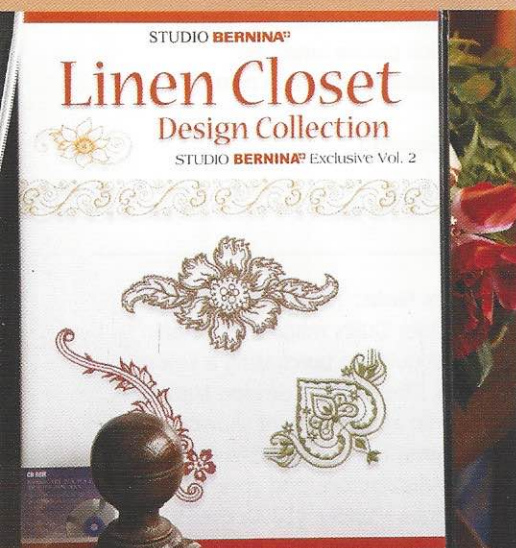
- 3 Use the design software and transfer device to transfer your chosen continuous border design from the Linen Closet design collection CD to the sewing machine.

EMBROIDERY

- 4 Use the Mega Hoop, embroidery foot and size 80 embroidery needle, white embroidery thread in the needle and white fine bobbin thread in the bobbin.

- 5 Centre a 4¹/₂in x 24in strip of black cotton drill in the Mega Hoop to embroider your chosen continuous border design from the Linen Closet design collection CD. Embroider four 4¹/₂in x 24in strips in this manner.

- 6 Clip all jump threads and press the four embroidered strips.





CONSTRUCTION

7 Refer to Diagram 1 on the pattern sheet to insert the $2\frac{1}{2}$ in white zips between the seven, 24in plain and embroidered fabric strips that go to make up the expandable bag.

8 Use the zipper foot and white thread to sew each zip between the fabric strips.

9 One side of each open zip is inserted between a plain and an embroidered fabric strip, joining the seven strips of fabric together.

10 Close all zips, press a box-pleat behind the three zips and then use black thread and a construction foot to sew across both ends of the zips to hold the box pleats in place.

11 Fold the closed zipper bag fabric in half (so the front of the bag has the zipper top and back the zipper bottom) and then use a chalk pencil to mark this centre point (the bottom of the bag) on each side of the fabric. Also mark the vertical centre of the two, $5\frac{1}{2}$ in x $10\frac{1}{2}$ in gusset strips both top and bottom.

12 Match the centre vertical point on the gusset with the centre points marked on the folded bag fabric, pin them together and then stitch the side gussets in place.

13 Make a box pleat at the top of each gusset and then stitch them down.

14 Make up the two 'O' ring casings from the $4\frac{1}{2}$ in x $2\frac{1}{4}$ in strips, place the 'O' rings in the folded casings and then pin these to the centre of the box pleat at the top of the gusset. With right side of gusset and ring casing together and raw edges aligned, stitch the casing to the gusset.

15 Cut a 32in square from the lining fabric, fold in it half to make a 32in x 16in rectangle. Curve the cut side edges on the folded edge and then seam them; right sides together and leaving a 6in opening at the bottom of one side to turn the bag to the right side once it is complete. You may choose to make a pocket and stitch it to the lining for keys, glasses or a mobile phone.

16 Iron the interfacing to the back of the $4\frac{1}{2}$ in x 34in strip for the top of the bag and then iron a $\frac{3}{8}$ in hem down both long sides of the strip. Fold the strip in half lengthwise