

A bag for Spring



The aim of this project is to show you how to convert the appliqué shapes on your Brother embroidery machine (those with colour screens only) to use on the Brother ScanNCut.

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REQUIREMENTS

- 5 m lining fabric
- 5 m calico (pre washed)
- 75 cm of 100% cotton fabric
- Appliqué paper
- Tear away stabilizer
- Iron on batting
- 4 x magnetic snaps
- 3 m x 5 mm ribbon
- Lavender designs from All Stitch (www.allstitch.co.za)
- Free Handbag pieces (www.brother.co.za)
- Marking pen
- Embroidery and sewing machine
- Normal sewing notions
- Brother ScanNCut with accessories

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- Press **Set**. The screen will revert to the embroidery screen. Save the design back onto the USB stick. Remove and insert USB stick into the ScanNCut machine.
- The design will now show the appliqué shape that you can cut out. The file extension would have changed to a **.phc** which the ScanNCut can read.



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- From the cotton fabric cut (1) 4½" x WOF (handles), (4) 3" x 11" (top flaps) and (1) 4" x WOF (back of bag). Cut the same pieces from iron on batting, but these must be ½" smaller. Fuse to the middle of the cotton pieces. Put aside till later.
- Fuse appliqué paper to the back of the rest of the fabric.
- Transfer the free handbag designs onto a USB stick and open it on your Brother embroidery machine.
- Add any other design of your choice into the block on the screen. (I used the lavender designs from All Stitch).
- In the **Edit Mode** screen go to the **Thread Palette** icon. Scroll down to the end and change the colour at the top (using the **Appliqué Fabric** icon that looks like a little scissors) to one of your choice.



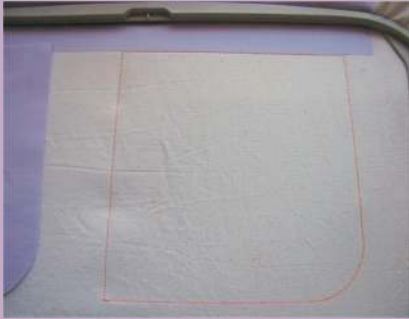
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- Place the fabric that has appliqué paper fused onto the back onto the standard mat **together** with the extra support sheet.
- Use a standard blade set on 4.
- Open the first block (top left corner).
- Increase width and length by ½' - cut (2).
- Mirror the design and cut another (2) pieces for the right side.
- Open the next block (bottom left) and increase width and length by ½". Cut (2) then mirror and cut another (2).

We are ready to start the machine embroidery!

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- Hoop tear away stabilizer together with the calico (starting on the left hand side of the calico).
- Embroider first step, remove hoop and fabric. Fuse the first block in the correct position making sure that the centres are perfectly aligned. Don't worry that the design is larger than the one you just stitched out - this is just for seam allowances.



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- Complete the embroidery then remove hoop and re-hoop so that the next block can be done in the same way. (Use your arrows to align the corners of the placements.)
- If you want to make the bag wider you can add a 14" x 2.5" piece onto the side. (Don't forget to fuse appliqué paper to back of the fabric.)
- Continue with the right side in the same way. Cut out the bag shapes and iron well.



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- Cover the seams with satin ribbon.

I decided to embroider a design over the centre section. If you want to do this remember to use a printout to mark the correct placement.



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- Use the embroidered pieces as a template to cut the **lining**. You need (2) pieces as well as (1) 4" x WOF for the back.
- Pin the 4" strip of fabric right sides together with the front, at the sides then sew together leaving a 15 cm open at the bottom. Attach the back piece to the other side of the strip. Clip curves.

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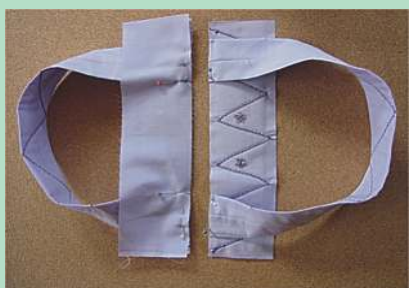
- Do the same with the embroidered pieces and 4" strip with iron on batting (but don't leave an opening on the bottom).

Handles:

- Fold the 4.5" x WOF in half (wrong sides together) along the length. Sew together.
- Turn right side out and iron well. Cut in half.

The flaps: (Embroider or fancy stitch one of them if you wish.)

- Place two flap pieces right sides up.
- Pin a handle onto each piece, lining the raw edges up.



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- Place the matching piece (right side down) on top then stitch the sides and top together.
- Clip the corners and turn right side out. Press.

Attach the magnetic snaps, making sure that they line up with each other.



- Pin handles to the top of the bag.



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- Insert the embroidered bag into the lining bag, right sides together, and sew all around the top.



- Pull the embroidered bag out through the opening in the bottom.
- Hand stitch the opening closed.
- Press well then top stitch around the top edge and voila you are ready for Spring with a bag your friends will envy!

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