

A Summer Tote

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Make this Summer Tote, to “Celebrate your Summer!” Drop in a great summer “read” and you have the perfect gift! We have customized words that reflect our summer loves, but we also gave you directions to create your own. It’s easy! All you need is Microsoft Word, or another word processing program. Print your background fabric, Embroidery your “dandelion” and make the simple tote! Then off you go to enjoy the summer weather!

Our Summer Tote uses the June 2010 Monthly Design, #410501. It is free for the month of June, 2010 from www.myembroideries.com. Click on the link, from the Monthly Designs, on the Husqvarna Viking website and you will be ready to download it.



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After June 2010, the design will be available for purchase from www.myembroideries.com.

Sewing Supplies:

- Computer and Printer
- Printer Fabric
- 40 wt. Robison Anton Rayon Embroidery Thread
- Bobbin Thread
- Sewing Thread
- 3/4 yard of Green Cotton Fabric
- Cotton Batting
- Fray Blocking Liquid

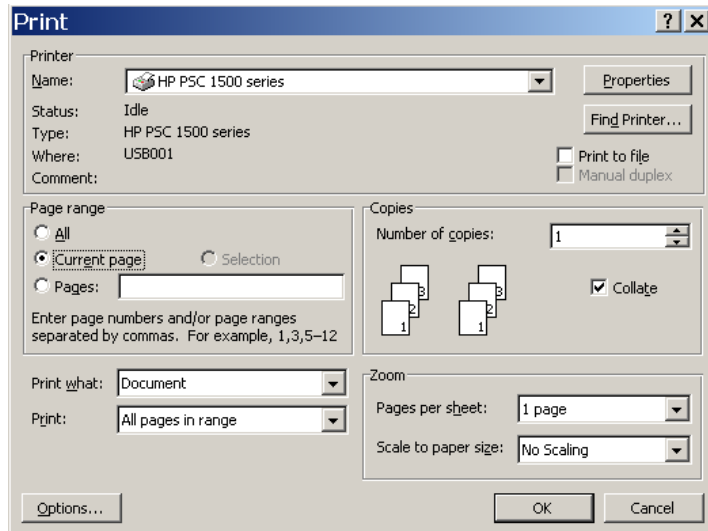
- INSPIRA® Tear-A-Way Stabilizer
- 100mm x 170mm Midsize Hoop #412665501
- Yellow Jumbo Rick Rack
- Clear 1/4” Piecing Foot w/Guide #412927445
- Interchangeable Dual Feed #920219096
- Changeable Quilters Guide Foot #413155545
- Large Dritz Eyelet Kit
- 3 yards of 1 1/2” wide Yellow Polka Dot Ribbon

Print the Background Fabric:


You can either use our “words” or create your own.

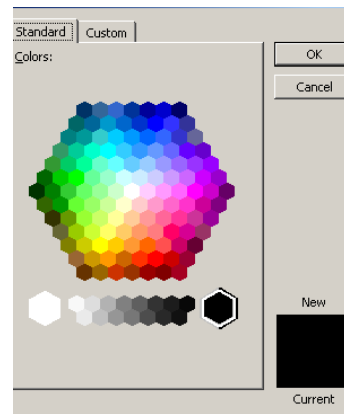
To use ours:

1. Just place your printer fabric in the printer and bring up the page with the words.
2. When you choose “Print”, choose “Current Page Only” as shown. You may want to test print on paper, before you print on your fabric.



To create your own words:

1. Choose a new document in Word.
2. Choose Justify Center .
3. Extend the margins as far as you can.
4. Type in the words that describe “your” summer! End the phrase or sentence in the middle of the page, not at the edge. This will create a nicer look.
5. Choose Edit, Select all, and copy.
6. Then paste.
7. Repeat pasting until you have filled the page.
8. Choose Edit, Select All. Change the color to a light green. We choose “More Colors”, and choose a light green there. The printed words have to be light enough to let the embroidery, “stand out”!



Cut:

Cut four pieces 11” x 15 1/2” for bag front, back and lining from green print cotton.
Cut two pieces 11” x 15 1/2” from cotton batting.

Sew:

1. Hoop your printed fabric with one layer of INSPIRA® Tear-A-Way Stabilizer in your 100mm x 170mm Midsize Hoop.
2. Thread with 40 wt. Robison Anton rayon embroidery thread on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin.
3. Embroider the dandelion design.
4. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin.
5. Snap on your Clear 1/4” Piecing Foot/w Guide.
6. Stitch rick rack to one side of the embroidered fabric aligning the rick rack with the raw edge of the fabric, and the flange on the foot with the raw edge of the fabric. This should have you

- sewing down the center of the rick rack.. Stop at the end and cut the rick rack, don't turn the corner. Begin on the next side, stopping and cutting it at the end. Repeat for the other two sides.
7. Fold the rick rack to the wrong side of the fabric and press.
 8. Place the embroidered fabric, 2 1/4" from the bottom and centered side to side on one piece of the 11" x 15 1/2" green cotton fabric, pin. Place this fabric on top of a piece of cotton batting.
 9. Attach your Interchangeable Dual Feed and snap on your Changeable Quilters Guide Foot.
 10. Align the flange of the foot with the edge of the fabric, and stitch on the rick rack, just off the fabric, through all the layers.
 11. Snap on the Changeable Zig Zag Foot.
 12. Align the edge of the foot with the edge of the rick rack and stitch around the rectangle.
 13. Place another 11" x 15 1/2" piece of green cotton on top of cotton batting.
 14. Slide on your quilting guide and set for 1" from the needle.
 15. Channel quilt the rectangle of fabric for the back of the bag.
 16. Place the embroidered bag front and channel quilted bag back right sides together.
 17. Stitch the sides and bottom using a 3/8" seam allowance.
 18. Place the two remaining 11" x 15 1/2" rectangles of green fabric right sides together. Stitch the sides and bottom using a 3/8" seam allowance but leave a 4" opening in one side seam for turning.
 19. Place the outer bag inside the lining, right sides together.
 20. Stitch around the top using a 3/8" seam allowance.
 21. Turn through the opening, press.
 22. Topstitch the opening closed.
 23. Cut the ribbon into two 1 1/2 yard pieces.
 24. Place wrong sides together.
 25. Thread with sewing thread to match the ribbon.
 26. Stitch 1/8" from the edge on both edges.
 27. Cut into two 3/4 yard pieces.
 28. Insert the eyelets (grommets) 1" down from the top and 3" in from each edge.
 29. Thread the ribbon through the eyelet (grommet) with 6" hanging out on the right side.
 30. Apply Fray blocking liquid to the cut ends of the ribbon.
 31. Tie the end in a knot.
 32. Insert a great summer book, and go to the park!



