

Tissues and TP Hideaway

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Stitch this sketched design on linen or cotton and add piping in a pretty contrast fabric. Everyone you know will want one! Just change the colors to coordinate with the bathroom, and you are all set.

Sewing Supplies:

Husqvarna Viking Sewing/Embroidery Machine

1/3 yard White Cotton or Linen

1/2 yard Striped Fabric for Lining and Piping

2 yard Cotton Cord for Piping

Piping Foot #411 85 10-45

Piping Hot Binding Tool #140 000 971

Edge Stitching Foot #412 79 67-45

Inspira Tear-A-Way Light Stabilizer

Two Rolls Toilet Tissue

One Square Box Tissues

Bathtub design, free from www.husqvarnaviking.com, during July and August 2007 and available for purchase from www.myembroideries.com, thereafter.



Measure and Cut:

1. Place your box of tissues between your two rolls of toilet paper. Measure around it. Ours came out to measure 34 1/2". Add 1/2" for ease and 1/2" on each end for seam allowance, making the total added 1 1/2". You want a tight fit, but you want to be able to be remove it easily. Depending on the brands and sizes of tissue and toilet paper you use, your measurement may vary. Measure the height of the tallest, (ours was the tissue box) and add 1" for seam allowances.
2. From linen or cotton, cut a piece using your measurements as a guide. Ours measured 36" x 6 1/2". Cut batting slightly larger.
3. Using the tissue and toilet paper, trace around them on paper, to create an oval shaped pattern for the top. Add 1/2" seam allowance.
4. Cut top from lining and white fabric.
5. Cut lining the same size as your white pieces



Embroider:

1. Place your white fabric on the batting. Mark the center from each end and top to bottom.
2. Hoop two pieces of Inspira Tear-A-Way Light Stabilizer. Place your fabric and batting on the stabilizer. Touch FIX to baste the fabric to the stabilizer. Embroider the design.

Make the Piping:

1. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin. Cut 2" bias strips from the remaining lining fabric. You will need approximately 2 yards. Sew the pieces end to end to achieve this length.
2. Snap on your Piping Foot. Wrap the bias strips around the cord. Stitch to make the piping. Using your Piping Hot Binding Tool, trim the piping seam allowance to 1/4".

Sew the Cover:

1. Place the piping along the bottom of your white embroidered piece on the long edge. Stitch it in place. Trim the batting even with the piping.
2. Place the lining even with the piped edge, right sides together. Stitch the bottom edge.
3. Turn, press.
4. Snap on your Edge Stitching Foot. Guiding the flange of the foot in the "ditch" of the piping, select right needle position and topstitch along the piped edge.
5. Place the white top and the lining top right sides together. Stitch an opening approximately 2" long for the tissues to come through. The easiest way to do this is to use your bound buttonhole. It is on the buttonhole menu, on the Designer machines. It stitches two rows of straight stitch with approximately 1/4" between them. If you don't have this buttonhole on your machine, you can draw two lines with a fabric marker and stitch them with a straight stitch. When your stitching is complete, cut up the middle and into the corners as shown. Turn through the hole. You now have a finished hole for the tissues to come out of.
6. Baste the raw edges of the top and top lining together by stitching close to the raw edge around the outside of the top.
7. Stitch piping in place around the top. To join the ends of the piping, stop stitching about 1" from the point where the two ends join. Rip back to expose the cord and cut the cord ends so the cords will just meet.
8. Butt the cord ends and fold the fabric end to the wrong side to cover the raw end and finish stitching the piping.
9. Fold the top in half and mark the half way points. Fold in half the other way and mark the half way points. Mark the quarter points of your embroidered piece. We haven't yet sewn the center back seam on the embroidered piece. Check that when that seam is sewn, the top will fit onto the sides. You can adjust a little in the center back seam and you can ease in a bit, but the measurements should be close.
10. Sew the center back seam in the embroidered piece and lining together. Finish the seam on your Huskylock or with a three step zig zag on your sewing machine.
11. Stitch the top to the embroidered piece matching the quarter marks.

