

What-cha-ma-thingy Bag

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Everyone needs at least one of these and probably many more! Make them for your friends with a fun design to designate what is in them. Our friends sew, so we needed to have sewing designs of course! Sue's Happy Sewing designs are perfect!

Sewing Supplies:

Husqvarna Viking Sewing/embroidery Machine

Husqvarna Viking Huskylock Serger

Size 90 topstitch Needle

Two pieces of fabric 12 x 20

12 x 20 Batting

Sue's Happy Sewing Collection #EL12

12" Zipper

Sulky size 30 Blendable Thread

Inspira Tear-A-Way Light Stabilizer

Clear Seam Guide Foot #413 03 48-45

Clear B Edge Joining Foot #413 05 84-45

Edge Joining Foot #412 79 68-45

6" of 1/4" Wide Ribbon



1. Insert a size 90 topstitch Needle. Snap on your Clear Seam Guide Foot. Make a fabric sandwich placing your fabric wrong sides together and inserting the batting in between. Channel quilt the length of the fabric. Stitch the first row of stitching along the 20" edge, guiding the flange of the foot against the edge of the fabric. Align the flange with the first row, to complete the next row of stitching. Repeat until your fabric is all quilted.
2. Trim your quilted fabric to 11" x 19" and serge all four edges on your Huskylock.
3. Hoop two layers of Inspira Tear-A-Way Light Stabilizer. Place your fabric over the stabilizer, horizontally, and touch FIX to baste the fabric 1" from the top, 19" edge and the left 11" edge of the fabric. Embroider the pincushion design from Sue's Happy Sewing Collection, or the design of your choice.
4. Tear off the excess stabilizer. Thread with Sulky 30 wt. Blendable thread top and bobbin.
5. Select left needle position straight stitch. Place the zipper right sides together with the edge of the fabric on the short embroidered edge. The zipper should be closed,

and the pull should be off the end of the fabric. Be sure that the stitching will cover the serged edge. We aligned the edge of the zipper with the center stitching of the serged edge. Stitch the zipper in place.

6. Fold the fabric right sides together matching the zipper to the other short edge. Stitch the other side of the zipper the same as the first.
7. Unzip the bag and turn right sides out. Snap on your Clear B Edge Joining Foot. Fold the seam allowance away from the zipper. Place the center flange of the foot in the ditch of the seam. Select right or left needle position (one will be on one side and the other on the other side.) The stitching will be approximately 1/8" from the zipper tape. Topstitch on either side of the zipper.

8. Turn the bag inside out. Fold so that the zipper is centered. Snap on your Edge Joining Foot. Select center needle position. Stitch the end away from the embroidery. Align the flange of the foot with the edge of the fabric.

9. Unzip your zipper about 2" from the edge of the zipper. You need to be able to get in and unzip it all the way to turn after stitching. Fold so the zipper is at the top of the seam. You are folding the opposite way that you folded the other end. It was in the middle of the seam on the other end. After the seam is stitched, cut off the excess zipper tape.



10. Reach in and open the zipper and turn the bag right side out.

11. Cut 6" of 1/4" wide ribbon. Thread the two ends through the zipper pull, bring the ends through the loop, then pull tight.



12. Go on a hunt, for all the what-cha-thingies you have floating around your house, that need a home, and fill your bag! Or better yet, go to your local sewing shop and get a gift certificate for your friend, put it in the bag, and you have a very special gift! She can buy her own what-cha-thingies to fill the bag with!