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Monogrammed Shoe Bag

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You'll Need:

- Two, 11" by 18" pieces of fabric for bag front
- Two, 11" by 18" pieces of complementary fabric for lining
- Fancy Script Letter from www.SayItWithApplique.com
- Thread to match both fabrics
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- 1 ½ yards ribbon for ties (¼-inch-wide)
- Erasable fabric marker
- 6" by 24" quilt ruler
- rotary cutter and mat
- iron and ironing board



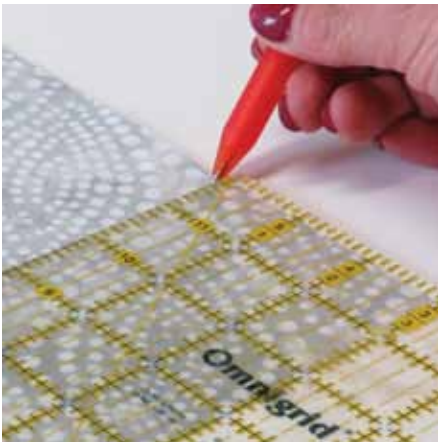
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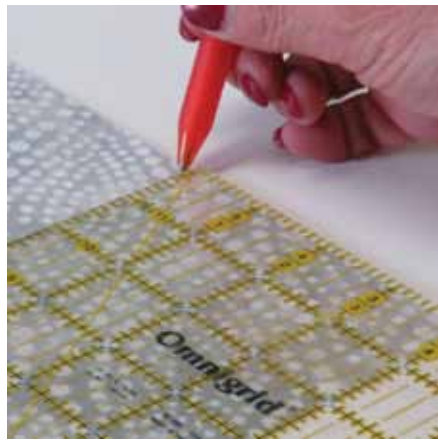
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Note: Cut fabrics to size. All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



1 Make a small mark 3" down from top edge of bag fabric along the side edge. Repeat on other side.



2 Make another mark 4" down from the top edge. Repeat on other side.



3 Fold bottom of fabric up to meet bottom mark.



4 Press the fold with your fingernail.



5 Fold entire piece in half. Press this fold with your fingernail.



6 Open up the fabric to reveal the folded marks. Use these fold lines as guides to place the pre-cut Fancy Script fabric Letter.

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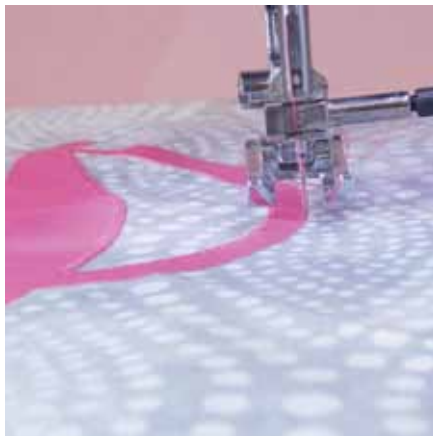
Remove the paper backing from the pre-cut Fancy Script Fabric Letter. This reveals the fusible web that has already been applied to the fabric.



Center the letter on the folded guide lines.



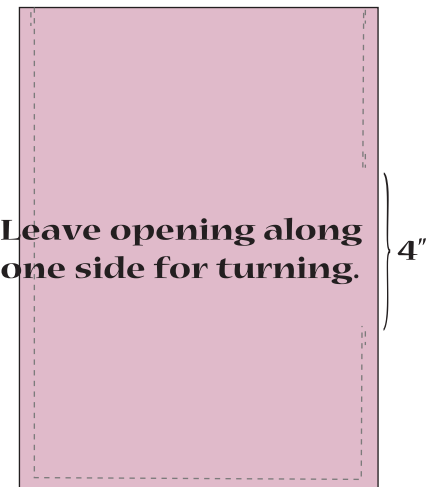
When pleased with the placement, press the letter in place with a hot, dry iron.



Stitch around all edges of the letter using either a straight, blanket, zig zag or satin stitch.



Place bag fabric right sides together. Stitch around three sides as shown. Do not stitch between casing marks.



Place lining fabrics right sides together and stitch around three sides as shown. Leave a 4" opening along one side for turning.

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13 Turn bag right side out. Stitch around casing openings on both sides. Careful! Do not catch any of the bag in the stitching.



14 Place bag inside of lining; match side seams and top edges.



15 If you can, remove the free arm sewing bed from the machine. Then, simply slide the opening of the bag over the open arm for easier stitching.



16 Stitch completely around the top edge of the bag.



17 Turn the bag right sides out through the opening you left in the lining.



18 Arrange the open seam in the lining to match exactly. Stitch the opening closed.

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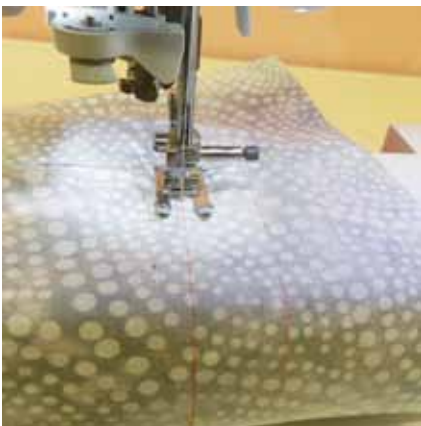
Smooth out the bag before pushing the lining into the bag. Fuss with the lining to get it to lie smoothly inside the bag. Press the top edge neatly.



Using an erasable fabric marker, mark the top casing stitching line (about $2\frac{1}{4}$ "). The line should be even with the top opening of the casing. Make sure the line is even with the top edge of the bag.



Mark a second stitching line approximately 1-inch below the first. These lines should be parallel with each other.



Slide bag over the arm of your machine and stitch on both casing lines around the circumference of the bag.



This is a bodkin and one of my favorite sewing tools. Open and close the "teeth" by sliding the small ring up and down the shaft of the tool.



Cut the ribbon into two ties, each 27-inches long. Secure one end of a ribbon tie in the teeth of the bodkin. Insert other end into opening and slide the bodkin through the casing.

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25 Bring the ribbon tie out of the opening that you started with. The tie should have gone around the circumference of the bag.



26 Make sure the ties are even and the bag is smooth. Insert the second ribbon in the opposite casing opening and repeat process.



27 Your shoe tote bag is complete after the ribbon ties are inserted. If you want, tie the ends together so they won't get lost in the casing with use. I opted to let the ties loose so I could tie them into bows on each side when the bag is closed.



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