

**BERNINA**

# BERNINA Hemmer Feet #61-69



## Travel Bags

Traveling is sometimes a hassle...  
“What do I pack? How do I get organized? Have I forgotten anything? Have fun packing and make sure you remember the necessities with these fun, easy travel bags. They are a snap to make with your BERNINA Hemmer Feet and your serger!

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**Quick** on your **FEET**



## Supplies

- Fabric (see size recommendations for each bag)
- Mettler polyester thread for construction
- Packaged bias tape, or make your own
- Lace tape (lingerie bag only)
- Ribbon, rickrack, or cording for drawstrings
- Hook & loop tape (optional)
- Felt circle (jewelry bag only)
- Bernina 80/12 Universal sewing needle
- Hemmer Feet #61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 68 and 69
- Piping Foot #38 (optional)
- Edgestitch Foot #10/10C or Clear Foot #34
- Circular Embroidery Attachment #83 (optional)
- Bodkin or large-eye needle
- AquaFilm stabilizer (optional)
- Seam sealant
- BERNINA *Features* Volume 2
- BERNINA Sewing Machine
- BERNINA Serger

### Optional for Embroidery

- Embroidery stabilizer appropriate for your fabric selection (optional)
- Isacord embroidery thread, various colors
- 101 Quilt Basting Spray
- OESD bobbin thread

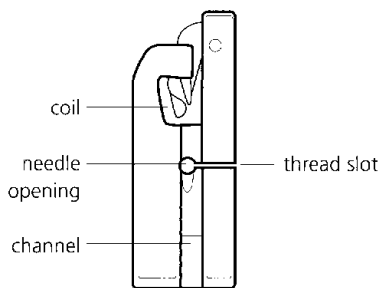
## About BERNINA Hemmer Feet

BERNINA offers several different hemmer feet for helping you with many kinds of fabric and projects. In all cases, the fabric is turned twice and stitched in one operation. Some of the feet are used with zigzag stitches and some are used with straight stitches. You may wish to use a Straight Stitch Plate with the straight stitch hemmers for increased fabric support.

All hemmer feet have a coil at the front of the foot to help turn the fabric under twice. The channel under the foot helps hold the fabric in position until it reaches the needle. The size of the channel and coil vary depending on the width of the finished hem. With most of the hemmer feet, the channel continues to the back of the foot.

The exception is 3mm Zigzag Hemmer #63, which is designed to accommodate curved hems. The channel does not continue to the back of the foot, and this is what allows the turned under edge to curve. The roll and shell hemmers have a deeper, rounder groove, producing a round rather than a flat hem.

See the chart on page 3 for specific information on each foot.



## Tips for Using Hemmer Feet

Always start with a clean, rotary-cut edge. You may wish to spray starch limp or soft fabrics to make them easier to handle. There are three different methods that can be used to start a hem.

*Method One:* Take four or five small (1mm-1.5mm) stitches diagonally across the corner about ¼" from the corner point. Lift the foot and remove the fabric, leaving long thread tails. Use these tails to help guide the fabric into the coil. Complete the hem after getting the fabric wrapped in the coil.

*Method Two:* Double fold the hem the width of the groove on the sole of the foot and finger press the fold. Stitch ½" and stop with the needle in the fabric. Raise the presser foot and work the fabric into the scroll. Lower the presser foot and continue to stitch.

*Method Three:* Fold AquaFilm stabilizer over the edge of the hem. Use the stabilizer to help guide the fabric edge into the coil.

When stitching over a seam, be sure to trim the seam allowances to make it easier for the foot to accommodate the bulk of the fabric.



Hemmer Foot	Type of Stitch	Size of Hem	Fabric Recommended	Other Info
<b>2mm Zigzag Hemmer #61</b>	Zigzag up to 3mm wide	2mm	Fine fabrics: batiste, chiffon, bridal-type	
<b>2mm Straight Stitch Hemmer #62</b>	Straight stitch	2mm	Lightweight, fine, soft fabrics	
<b>3mm Zigzag Hemmer #63</b>	Zigzag up to 5mm wide	3mm	Medium weight fabrics	Curved hems
<b>4mm Straight Stitch Hemmer #64</b>	Straight stitch	4mm	Medium weight and soft fabrics	
<b>6mm Zigzag Hemmer #66</b>	Zigzag up to 5mm wide	6mm	Medium weight, firm fabrics	Good for adding lace and trims plus decorative stitches
<b>2mm Roll &amp; Shell Hemmer #68</b>	Roll & Shell, 3-5mm	2mm	Soft, lightweight fabrics, t-shirts and lingerie	Produces rounded edge; use zigzag, blindhem, or vari-overlock stitch
<b>4mm Roll &amp; Shell Hemmer #69</b>	Roll & Shell, 4-6mm	4mm	Soft, lightweight fabrics, t-shirts and tricot	Produces rounded edge; use zigzag, blindhem, or vari-overlock stitch

2mm Zigzag Hemmer #61



2mm Straight Stitch Hemmer #62



3mm Zigzag Hemmer #63



4mm Straight Stitch Hemmer #64



6mm Zigzag Hemmer #66



2mm Roll & Shell Hemmer #68



4mm Roll & Shell Hemmer #69





Foot	Fabric Used	Bag Name	Cut Fabric Dimensions (l x w)	Stitch Settings
<b>2mm Zigzag Hemmer #61</b>	Lightweight cotton	Curling Iron	33" x 7" Folded crosswise	Zigzag 2mm length x 2mm width
<b>2mm Straight Stitch Hemmer #62</b>	Lightweight fabric	PJs	38" x 17" Folded crosswise	Straight Stitch
<b>3mm Zigzag Hemmer #63</b>	Lightweight cotton; felt	Jewelry Bag	14" circle 9" circle	Straight Stitch
<b>4mm Straight Stitch Hemmer #64</b>	Medium weight	Computer Stuff	26" x 13" Folded crosswise	Straight Stitch
<b>6mm Zigzag Hemmer #66</b>	Medium weight	Shoe Bag	36" x 13" Folded crosswise	Zigzag 4mm length x 2mm width
<b>6mm Zigzag Hemmer #66</b>	Medium weight	Workout Videos	34" x 11" Folded crosswise	Straight Stitch
<b>2mm Roll &amp; Shell Hemmer #68</b>	Lightweight knit	Lingerie	30" x 11" Folded crosswise	Vari-overlock 2.5mm length x 1.5mm width
<b>4mm Roll &amp; Shell Hemmer #69</b>	Knit	Laundry Bag	48" x 17"	Blindstitch 1.5mm length x 5mm width, mirrored

### Making the Bags

See the chart above for cutting dimensions. These are just recommendations; the bags can be any size you choose.

If you are embroidering the bags, do the embroidery first. Use appropriate stabilizers for each type of bag. All the designs were created in v6 BERNINA Embroidery Software. Directions for these designs can be found at [www.berninausa.com](http://www.berninausa.com)

Use a four-thread overlock stitch to serge one side of the bag. Hem the top edge of the bag using the appropriate hemmer foot and stitch. Serge the remaining side of the bag, matching the hems at the top of the bag.

Place bias tape evenly from the top, hemmed edge. This distance can vary between 1½" and 2¾"; the larger the bag, the larger the distance. Use Edgestitch Foot #10/10C or Clear Foot #34 to stitch along each edge of the bias tape to form a casing. Turn under a small amount at the beginning and end of the bias tape to finish the ends. An opening can be left at the front of the bag or at the side of the bag, depending on your preference.

Thread cording or ribbon on a bodkin and insert into the casing. Diagonally trim the ends of the ribbon and use a seam sealant if desired.

For additional information on Hemmer Feet #61-69 and other BERNINA presser feet, attachments, and accessories, see *Features*, volumes 1-3.

Alternative Closure: Stitch hook & loop tape to the wrong side of the bag, along the top edge, using Piping Foot #38.

#### *Jewelry Bag Instructions*

Hem the circle of fabric using Hemmer Foot #63. Find the center of the circle and mark it. Cut a 9"-diameter circle of felt. Mark the center of the felt and place it on the wrong side of the hemmed fabric, matching the centers. Stitch two rows of straight stitching on the felt, one right on the edge and one 9mm inside the previous stitching. (Note: Using needle positions and Circular Embroidery Attachment #83 makes it easy to stitch evenly spaced rows.)

Cut two slits, directly opposite each other, within the casing on the right side of the hemmed fabric. Apply seam sealant to the cut edges.

Cut two lengths of ribbon to place in the casing, long enough to go totally around the circle with a sufficient amount left over to tie; about 36" is sufficient. Thread one ribbon on a bodkin and place in the casing. Repeat with the second ribbon, going in the opposite direction



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