

Nosy Pepper Embroidery | In-The-Hoop Bag Tutorial

Supplies:

- Exterior Fabric - Quilting Cotton or Vinyl
- Lining Fabric - Quilting Cotton (not needed if using vinyl for the exterior)
- Fusible Woven Interfacing (Pellon Shapeflex SF101 - not needed if using vinyl for the exterior)
- 6" or longer all-purpose zipper



1. From the Exterior Fabric, Lining Fabric, and Fusible Woven Interfacing, cut three rectangles:

Top Front Panel: 6" wide x 2" tall

Bottom Front Panel: 6" wide x 6.5" tall

Back Panel: 6" wide x 8" tall

**If making an unlined vinyl bag, cut the above pieces from vinyl only.

Fuse the woven interfacing to the exterior fabric only, following the manufacturers instructions.



2. With the exterior and lining Top Front Panels wrong side up, press about 1/4" toward the wrong side along the bottom 6" edge. Repeat to press 1/4" toward the wrong side along the top 6" edge of both the exterior and lining Bottom Front Panels.

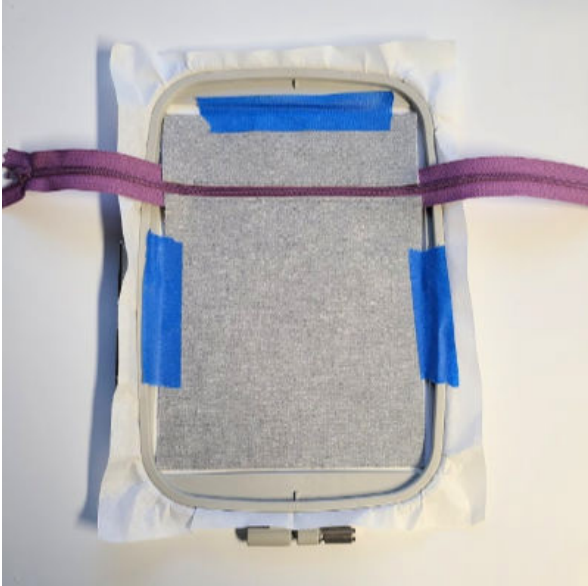
**If making an unlined vinyl bag, skip this step.



3. Secure tear-away stabilizer in your hoop. Insert the hoop into the machine and run the first step which creates the placement lines.



4. Line the zipper up over the placement lines. The center line will line up with the zipper teeth. Tape or pin the zipper in place. Place the hoop back in the machine and run step two - this will tack the zipper in place. Remove the tape from the zipper.



5. With the exterior Top Panel and Bottom Panel right side up, place the folded edge of each along the zipper, making sure to cover the zipper tack down stitches.

Pin or tape the fabric in place.

Put the hoop back on the machine and run step three and four to baste the Top Panel and Bottom Panel in place along the zipper. Make sure to watch the machine so the foot doesn't get caught on the fabric.

Also run steps five and six to baste the exterior fabric to the stabilizer.

**If making a vinyl bag, there won't be a folded edge, so just place one raw 6" edge of the Top Panel and Bottom Panel along the zipper just covering the basting stitches.

Now run all the steps for whichever design is on the bag you are making.



6. Once you have stitched all of the design steps (the number of steps will vary based on which design is on the bag you are making) remove the hoop from the machine. Place the hoop right side down and tape or pin the lining Top Panel and Bottom Panel in place with the folded edges along the zipper. You can't see the zipper, but you can see the placement marks. Each of the folds should just cover the placement marks with a gap in the center.

Place the hoop back in the machine and run the next TWO steps to baste the lining Top Panel and lining Bottom Panel in place.

**If making an unlined vinyl bag, skip these two steps on the embroidery machine.



7. Unzip the zipper so that the zipper pull is now in the middle of the bag. Trim the ends of the zipper off.

If you want to add a connector of some sort for a strap, now is the time to do it. Choose your placement and tape in place with the folded edge facing in toward the body of the bag.



8. Place the exterior Back Panel right side down on top of the right side of the hoop. Tape in place.

Put the hoop back in the machine and run the next step which will sew all the way around the bag.



9. Remove the hoop from the machine. Place the hoop right side down and tape the lining Back Panel right side together with the other lining pieces.

Insert hoop back into the machine and run the last step. This will sew all the way around the bag, leaving a gap along the bottom edge only to turn the bag right side out.

** If you are making an unlined vinyl bag, skip this step.



10. Remove the bag from the hoop. Remove all tape and as much of the stabilizer as possible. Trim the seam allowance around the bag to about 1/4" all the way around, except do not trim the lining fabric along the opening on the bottom.

** If you are making an unlined vinyl bag, you will be trimming all the way around the bag. Do not leave untrimmed pieces along the bottom.



11. Very carefully, turn the entire bag lining side out through the opening at the bottom. Fold the lining along the opening inside the hole and press well. Sew along the very edge of the folded edges to close the hole, making sure to backstitch at the start and stop. You can also hand sew the hole close if you choose.

** If you are making an unlined vinyl bag you will not be doing this step.



12. Remove the stabilizer from behind the zipper and open the zipper completely. Turn the entire bag right side out through the open zipper. Use a chopstick to push the corners out completely. Press the bag (if it is fabric) with a hot iron, avoiding the embroidery design.

Your bag is now finished!