

Glasses Case Tutorial

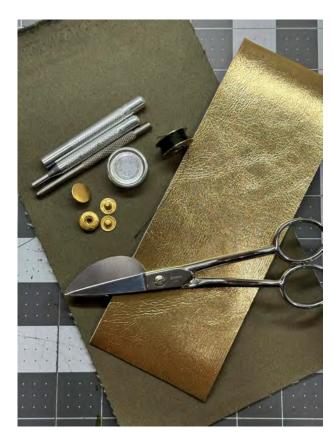
This tutorial is for the glasses case made in a 5X7 (or larger) hoop. The design shown here is the first of these I've released. It doesn't have any appliques, so if the one you bought has appliques, make sure to study the design pdf to figure out the applique placements, etc. My case design is done in two hoopings (because I'm fancy like that!) Lacking inspiration, I named the 2 parts Inside & Outside. Each part is lined and you will stitch the Inside part first.

Materials

- For both the inside and outside pieces, I've used vinyl. You can try it with leather or some other type of thickish material if you want to. For the lining, I've used a faux suede material, because it's thin and soft enough not to scratch my specs!

The Inside - both lining & vinyl measure 3" X 8"
The Outside - Both lining & vinyl measure 6" X 8"

- Some kind of snap or fastener. I used a 12.5mm metal snap that was designed for leather. I don't know much about plastic snaps, but I'm thinking that they may not be strong enough. One of these days I'll try the magnetic type fasteners, but for now I'm using a snap.
- Matching bobbin
- Tearaway Stabilizer
- As usual, a shit-ton of tape!



Luckily, this project is fairly easy, so booze isn't a requirement. However, since it's so simple, you may want to indulge a bit. Now would be the time to grab that glass, can, or bottle!

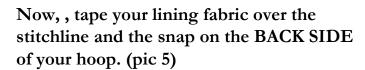
Ready? Here we go! You'll start with the file labeled "Inside"!

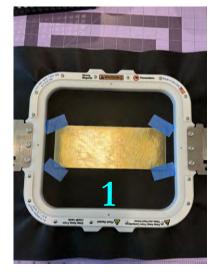
The Inside

Step 1 -

Hoop 1 layer of tear away. There's not much stitching on this part, so one layer will do. I tape my vinyl down before running the placement but if you want to run the placement first, then tape your vinyl, that's ok. If you do that, run your placement stitch again to hold your vinyl to the stabilizer.

Once you've got your placement stitch run and your hoop looks like picture #2, you'll need to add part of your snap/fastener. You want to do this BEFORE adding your lining to avoid the metal scratching your specs. Leave your project in your hoop while doing this. (pics 3 & 4)















Run color number 2! Once you've done that, it's time to trim both the front and the back. You only want to trim the top edges as shown (pics 6 & 7)





Step 3 -

CHANGE YOUR BOBBIN!

Now, chuck that hoop back onto your machine and run the third(last) color! This is the satin edge that will show when it's all put together.

You're done stitching the Inside part! Now pop this piece out of your stabilizer and clean up any fuzzies on your satin. Time to move on to the Outside!

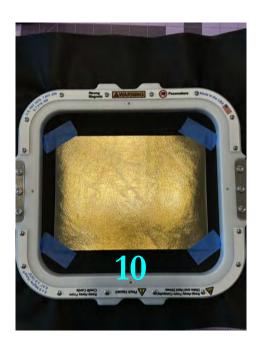




The Outside

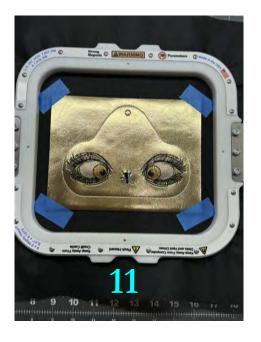
Step 1 -

Same as before, except this time you will use 2 layers of tearaway. If your tearaway is lightweight, you may want to add a third layer. Tape your bigger vinyl piece to the front of your stabilizer like pic 10.



Steps 2 thru 12 -

On this case steps 2-12 are your design steps, so no on the machine, off the machine stuff is happening. After you finish the design steps, your case should look like picture 11. It'll probably be different colors though. Or maybe not. Some people like my color choices!



Step 13 -

Before running color 13, flip your hoop over and tape your last lining piece to the back. (pics 12 & 13) Now run color 13 (the lining tackdown)





Step 14 -

After you run your lining tack down, flip your hoop back over and line up your Inside piece. There are two tiny x marks where you will want to place the top edge of your Inside piece, as shown in pic 14.

Once you get it lined up, tape the hell outta' it! I cover the snap part with tape so it won't catch or scratch anything on my machine. (pic 15)

Now run color/step 14! This will attach the Inside to your Outside piece.





After you've run step 14,

STOP & TRIM!

You need to trim all the material on both the front and the back of the hoop so your case should now look like pictures 16 & 17





Change your BOBBIN!

(Extra attention getting because I ALWAYS FORGET!)

Step 15 -

After you've got it all trimmedžcbW a cfY]bhch YVfYUW fl=a YLb a UW]bYE"Run color/step 15. This is your final satin edge. When you've finished, it will (hopefully) look something like pics 18 & 19!

Time to pop your case out of the hoop and add the second part of your snap/fastener! Then you can clean up any fuzzies left from the stabilizer and TA-DA!









YOU DID IT!





Now you can finish off that glass/can/bottle and prepare to show off your mad embroidery skillz! (Preferably tomorrow, after the contents of said glass/can/bottle have worn off)