

## The placemat purse with embroidered border and monogram

You will need: hand scissor, trimmers for embroidery

Rotary cutter and 6X 24" ruler to cut the fabrics and a shorter 6" ruler to mark templates with

Chalk pencil

Permanent marker

1-22" black zipper

Black regular all purpose thread and red embroidery thread

A roll of 9" wide sticky paper and a roll of 14 1/2" sticky paper for larger hoop machines

Hole punch for marking template

Printer to print off at least 2 copies of the template used

Futura and computer with loaded software

3/4 yd of black quilted fabric

1 webbed solid placemat

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Step 1- create your border and monogram design or purchase the appropriate design to use. I have created both designs using clipart and the auto punch program. Center and print your templates. Print at least 2 copies of the border design. The border designs you choose depend on the hoop size of your Futura. Tape 2 border templates together lengthwise and trim the template to fit the border area. Use a hole punch to mark the design placement by punching a hole in each end of the horizontal cross hair.



Cut one 8" strip of black quilted fabric across the width of the fabric using the rotary cutter and long ruler. This will be the top border. Cut a pocket 7" wide and 16" deep. ( If you have extra fabric you can cut 2 pockets.) Cut 2- 3 1/2" strips across the width of the fabric for your straps.

Step 2- determine the center of your design placement by folding your border fabric in half. Mark the center of the folded half border strip. Use a chalk pencil to carefully mark and extend your border center along the width of the fabric. Using your border template, mark the center cross hairs with a chalk pencil. The pocket embroidery is centered by folding the pocket in half lengthwise. Mark the center of the folded pocket. Test your printed monogram on the pocket for fit.



Using Sticky paper and the largest hoop, hoop the sticky paper with the shiny side up. Score the top release sheet with a pin and pull the shiny top paper off the sticky paper up to the hoop edge. Using a permanent marker , extend the hoop markings by drawing the center cross hairs on the sticky paper . This will give you a perfect center to position from.

**Step 3** Place the border on the sticky paper in the hoop so the fabric is positioned on the center line. I placed the fabric bulk away from the hoop connector each time I hooped to make sure the border was going in the same direction. Send your design in the machine navigator. Embroider the first border. Carefully pull the finished embroidery off the sticky paper and trim. Patch the sticky paper still hooped and do another repeat of the border embroidery. Embroider enough border to cover both short edges of the placemat. (Approximately 14") Position and embroider the monogram by hooping the fabric in the medium hoop.



### **Purse construction**

To make the purse, fold the embroidered border in half, right sides out , and press. Stitch the raw edges together and then finish the edge with zig-zag or a serger.

Fold the straps in half in the lengthwise direction. Sew the straps with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam or serge. Using a loop turner, turn each strap to the right side and topstitch the top side  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each edge. Let the seam fall to the center on the bottom side.

Fold the pocket in half to self line. Place wrong sides together. Stitch the outside edge and leave an opening at the bottom to turn. Turn and top stitch the edges  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge to finish. Place the pocket 1-  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top edge of one side of the placemat and stitch in place using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " topstitch.



Measure and cut the straps to fit your body. I prefer a shoulder bag. I like my straps 36 to 37" long.

Place the straps on the outer edges of the placemat. I used the pocket placement as a guide for the straps. (approximately 3" from the edge of the placemat) Stitch the strap ends in place. I next sewed the bottom edge of the border to each short side of the placemat over the strap ends to form the purse. Finally top stitch each handles below the zipper topstitch location.

Top stitch the zipper under the top edge of the borders. The border should have a folded edge. Extend the zipper stop so it is beyond the border and out of the way when you are top stitching the zipper to both folded edges. Pull the stop of the zipper so it is inside the purse and sew across each edge to shorten the zipper. Clip off the excess zipper.

Once you have the pocket, border and straps in place you can sew the side seams of the purse to finish the project. Make sure you leave the zipper open at the top of the purse so you can turn the purse when done sewing the sides. To add a flat bottom to the bag miter the corners.

