

REUSEABLE SMITH OWEN BAG

Instructions to construct the bag

1. from fabric in kit, cut two (2) pieces 24" x 18"
2. Mark for embroidery 12" side to side and 7" down from top for center. You may decide to slightly raise or lower your design, but remember that you will be creating a bottom for your bag so don't go too low.
3. right sides together, stitch bottom of bag seam using a French seam or flat felled seam. Viking machines now have a great new 9mm flat felled seam foot which makes this type of seam so easy.
4. using the three yard piece of strapping, place one cut end of the strap to the seam line of the bottom of the bag and 7 - 7 1/2" from the side of the bag edge, pin in place. Make sure the strap isn't twisted before stitching. Do take into consideration where the embroidery design is placed so that the straps run just to the sides of it. You will now pin or tape the strap in place all the way up the bag from bottom to top edge, leave strap for the handle, strap will loop over top edge of bag, continue down the other side of the bag (7 - 7 1/2" from the side edge) all the way to the other top edge, leave strap for handle making sure it is the exact same length as the first handle, and continue back down the side to reach the original start of the strapping. Stitch strapping in place close to the edge of both sides of the strapping but leaving 2" unstitched at the top edge where the straps meet the bag. You will finishing stitching these later.
5. Now the side seams. Use either a French seam or flat felled seam to sew the side seams. Stitch from the top edge down having the top edges even.
6. Create the bottom. Flatten one corner to create a triangular point, aligning side seam with center bottom line. Mark a 6" long line . perpendicular to the seam, 3" from the point. Stitch along this line. Repeat for other corner of the bag. You may tack the point of the triangle to the side or bottom of the bag.
7. Now the top hem. Fold top raw edge under 1/4" and finger press. Fold under again 1/4", finer press. Edgestitch in place.
8. Finishing the bag. Finish stitching straps to bag at top. Also on the bag sides, fold at corners from bottom to top and edge stitch. Do this to all four corners. You are done. Now use this bag when you shop at Smith Owen and enjoy the satisfaction of recycling and also the added benefits that the store will be offering you through out the year.

If you have questions on constructing this bag, stop in and we will help.