

Stitchitize



BEE #2 TEA COZY



How do you keep your last cup of tea as piping hot as the first? Follow these instructions to make a decorative and practical tea cozy. This Bee includes all of the instructions, supply list and 4 beautiful embroidery designs to make a tea cozy perfect for your next tea party or gift giving.

SUPPLY LIST

Each Tea Cozy will require the following:



FABRIC:

- 2 pieces outside fabric - 12" x 14"
- 2 pieces lining fabric - 12"x 14" (can be same as outside or piping fabric)
- 2 pieces fusible interfacing - 12" x 14"
- 2 pieces filler - 12" x 14" (warm & white, warm & natural, armofleece, radiontex, etc.)
- 1 strip of cording 34" x 1/4" thick
- 1 strip of coordinating fabric for piping 34" long x 1 1/4" wide on the bias
- 2 pieces medium weight tear-away stabilizer 4" x 5"



NOTIONS:

- Scissors
- Pins
- Iron
- Tape measure
- Ruler
- Embroidery thread – each design requires 4 – 5 colors
- 1-2 colors Standard sewing thread – 1 each to match cozy fabric and piping fabric
- Embroidery hoop with min. measurement 125mm x 100mm (5" x 4")
- Standard embroidery foot
- Standard sewing foot or 1/4" seam foot
- Piping foot
- Zipper foot
- **Optional Ditch quilting foot
- Stitchitize Bee - Tea Cozy Designs Bee002a, b, c, d
- Stitchitize Bee - Tea Cozy Pattern

** All seam allowances are 1/4".

** To avoid dull or broken needles, always remove pins while sewing.



FABRIC PREPARATION

1. Iron one piece of fusible interfacing to "wrong" side of each of the two outer fabric pieces.



2. Fold fabric with right sides together and lay pattern along folded edge. Pin from center out.



3. Cut out fabric pieces. Repeat steps 2 & 3 for lining fabric and filler pieces.



4. Fold each of the fused pieces of fabric in half with fused sides together. Measure 4 1/2" up from the bottom, on the fold. Secure a piece of masking tape and make a mark at this spot on the tape. This will be the center placement of the embroidery design.





EMBROIDERY

There are 4 different designs to choose from for this Stitchitize Bee, 2 with blue blossoms and 2 with pink blossoms.

Sewing Sequences:

Bee002a - SAGE

1. Medium Blue - flowers
2. Medium Green - leaves and stem
3. Rust - pot
4. Dark Rust - pot borders
5. Medium Blue - sage



Bee002b - ROSEMARY

1. Medium Blue - flowers
2. Medium Green - leaves and stem
3. Brown - stem
4. Rust - pot
5. Dark Rust - pot borders
6. Medium Blue - rosemary

Bee002c - CAMOMILE

1. Hot Pink - flowers
2. Medium Green - leaves and stem
3. Rust - pot
4. Dark Rust - pot borders
5. Hot Pink - camomile



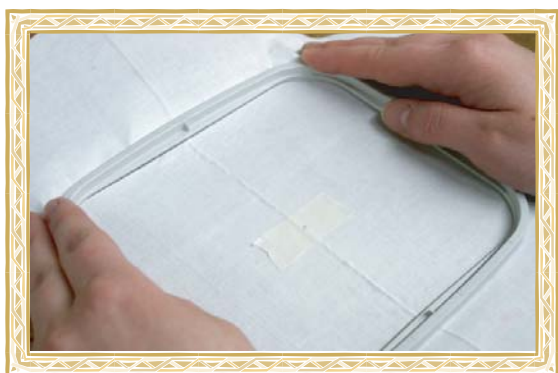
Bee002d - PEPPERMINT

1. Light Green - stem
2. Medium Green - leaves
3. Dark Green - leaf details and flower base
4. Hot Pink - flowers
5. Rust - pot
6. Dark Rust - pot borders
7. Hot Pink - peppermint

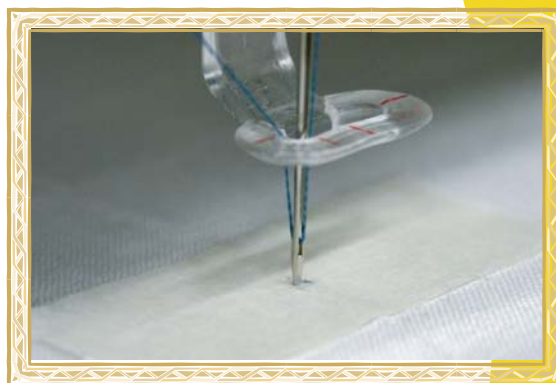


Embroidery cont...

1. Hoop fabric with masking tape mark as close to center as possible and attach to the machine. Be sure that your fabric is straight in the hoop by checking that hoop bottom and fabric bottom are parallel.



2. Center the needle over the mark on the masking tape. Slide one piece of tear-away stabilizer under the hoop, remove tape and sew design. Repeat for second piece of fused fabric.



3. When the embroidery is complete, detach hoop from machine and fabric from hoop. Carefully remove tear-away stabilizer. Clip all threads and press flat.

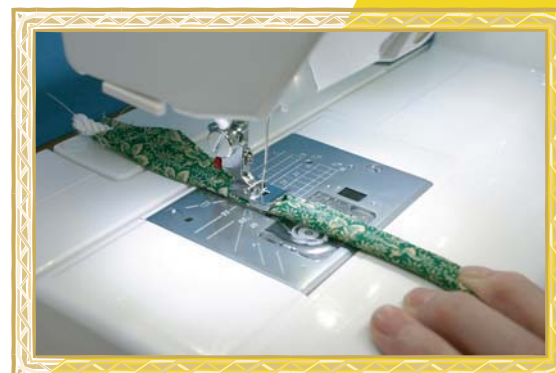


PIPING:

1. To make the piping, start by winding a bobbin of the color you will be sewing with. If you don't have a big enough piece of fabric on the bias, join two pieces together.

2. Attach piping foot to your sewing machine.

3. With right sides out, fold fabric around cording. Place on the sewing machine with the cording trapped in the groove on the left of the foot and the fabric edges to the right. Leave about an inch out of the back of the machine for slack.

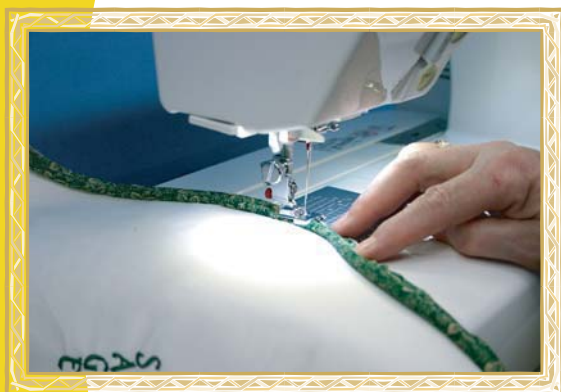


4. Sew along the cording on the fabric. The groove on the foot will keep the cording in place. Be sure to slowly feed the cording and fabric through keeping the fabric edges together. When piping is complete, remove piping and piping foot from machine and change to a zipper foot.



TEA COZY CONSTRUCTION

1. Pin piping along the edge of one embroidered side with the raw edges together. Start sewing at the bottom corner and continue along the rounded edge, ending at the opposite bottom corner.



2. Place the other embroidered piece on top of the one with the piping, right sides together. Pin together for stability. Cut notches in the curves to reduce bulk.



TIPS:

- * There is no piping along the bottom straight edge.
- * Make notches along the curved edges to reduce bulk so that it turns right side out nicely. Notches were included on the pattern as an example for location.
- * When sewing piping to embroidered piece (step 1), make a slit in the piping at each of the inside corners (curves) to help the piping lay flat along the curve.

3. Using the zipper foot, sew together keeping the foot tight against the edge of the piping. Trim excess piping to 1/4" from the bottom edge.



4. With tea cozy still inside out, place one piece of filler on each side and pin.





Construction cont...

5. With zipper foot still attached to your machine, loosely baste to attach filler pieces to tea cozy.



6. Make notches on curves to reduce bulk. Turn tea cozy right side out.



7. **LINING** - Change to a regular sewing foot or 1/4" seam foot. Place lining pieces with right sides together and pin, leaving the bottom edge open. Using 1/4" seam allowance, sew the two pieces together. Turn lining right side out and press seam.



8. Along the bottom of the tea cozy, mark a 4" gap in the center of one side. This is the area necessary to turn the finished tea cozy right side out once lining is attached.





Construction cont...

8. With tea cozy right side out, and lining inside out, slide lining over tea cozy. Pin at bottom raw edge on the two marks on the tea cozy.



9. Begin sewing on mark of opening and keep sewing along the edge until you reach the other mark for the opening. (You will sew over both side seams.) When sewing is complete, the lining will be inside out on the outside.



TIP – Be sure to backstitch over both sides of opening to securely lock the stitches.

10. Flip right side out through the opening. Press seam making adjustments, if necessary, so the seam is straight.



11. Hand stitch opening with a matching thread color.





FINISHING

There are many different ways to finish the bottom edge of the tea cozy. The bottom seam can simply be pressed and left blank.

OR

Decorative Stitching - this option works well when inside and outside fabrics matches:

1. Press seam.
2. Pick a decorative stitch and use the corresponding foot.
3. Pin around edges to keep the seam straight.
4. Starting 1" from the piping, sew decorative stitch along the bottom opening, stopping 1" from the other piping edge.
5. Repeat for second side.



OR

Mock Bottom Piping - this option works well when inside and outside fabrics are different. Do not press seam:

1. Roll inner lining down past the bottom seam to approx. 1/4" and pin all the way around.
2. Using a 1/4" seam foot or ditch quilting foot, sew along the join of the 2 fabrics to create a mock piping along the bottom edge.





FINISHED!

