

How to Create Gift Bags for the 5x7 Hoop

Stitch the back portion.

1. Stitch the back of the bag using the same colour thread in the bobbin as the embroidery thread.
2. Unhoop, and trim 1cm from the outlines (sides and bottom).
3. Trim the top as close to the satin stitches as possible.
4. Put aside.
5. I only used one colour for all steps.

Stitch the front portion.

1. Stitch the design of the front portion using white bobbin thread.
2. Before starting the top and button holes, change the bobbin colour to be the same as you will use for the satin stitches (top, sides and bottom).
3. The colour changes from here are only to force the machine to stop – they will all be the colour you want the button holes and satin stitch to be.
4. Stitch the top of the bag (satin stitch) and the button holes for the ribbon.
5. Stitch the first outline.
6. Remove the hoop from the machine, BUT DO NOT UNHOOP.
7. Turn the hoop over, and tape the back portion (previously stitched) to the hoop, taking care to match the outlines.
8. The tear away stabilizer must be facing the underside of the hoop, and the pretty side must be facing you.
9. Turn the hoop over and re-attach to the machine.
10. Stitch the next colour to tack the back portion to the front portion.
11. Remove the hoop from the machine, BUT DO NOT UNHOOP.
12. Trim the back portion as close as possible to the tacking stitches.
13. Re-attach the hoop to the machine and stitch the final satin stitches.
14. Unhoop and trim the sides and bottom as close to the satin stitches as possible.
15. Trim the top as close to the satin stitches as possible – take care to move the top of the back portion away to prevent cutting it.
16. Cut open the button holes and thread ribbon through them.

ENJOY!