

## Chevron Bag!

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This quilted bag features chevron piecing and a fun curlyque embroidery design. It's perfect for the back to school crowd or just for toting your goodies around!

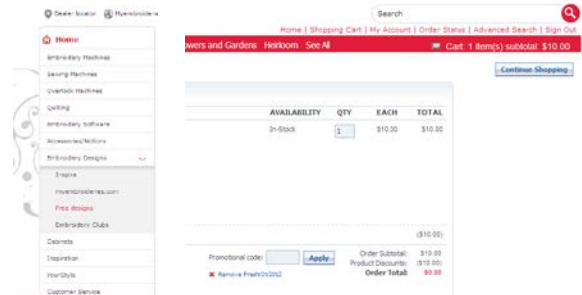
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## Sewing Supplies:

- ¼" Right Guide Foot with IDT™ system 820924096
- Clear Open Toe Foot with IDT™ system 820916096
- creative™ Endless Hoop II 820893096
- INSPIRA® embroidery needle, size 90 620071896
- INSPIRA® Tear-A-Way stabilizer 620112196
- INSPIRA® In-R-Form batting alternative 36" x 58" 620131596
- ¼ yard EACH of four different black and white print cottons
- 1 yard solid cotton for bag and embroidered strip
- 30 wt. cotton thread
- Sewing thread
- Bobbin thread
- Fasturn Tube Turner 140000001
- Ruler with 45° mark
- ¼" wide Steam-A-Seam 2

## Cut:

From black and white print cottons

- Four 1½" long x width of fabric strips from EACH of the four prints

From solid cotton:

- One piece 8" long x width of fabric for embroidery
- One piece 12" long x 15" wide for flap lining
- Two pieces 7½" long x 8" wide for pocket lining
- Four pieces 12" long x 15" wide for outer bag and lining
- Two pieces 2" long x width of fabric for strap

From In-R-Form batting alternative:

- One piece 12" long x 15" wide for flap
- Two pieces 12" long 15" wide for bag
- One piece 2" x 45" for strap

## Embroider:


1. Set up machine for embroidery and load design **100395015**.
2. Insert a size 90 embroidery needle.
3. Thread with 30 wt. cotton thread on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin.
4. Slide on your Endless Hoop II.
5. Place the 8" wide fabric strip with Tear-A-Way stabilizer into the hoop aligning the right side of the fabric and stabilizer with the ledge of the hoop. Slide the fabric forward as far as possible, but filling the hoop. Don't have an empty space at the end.
6. Embroider the first repeat of the design.
7. When it is complete, Touch **OK** on the screen to close the "Embroidery is finished" window.
8. Advance to stitch 3 which is the corner of the alignment marks.
9. Open the hoop.
10. Slide the fabric away from you until the needle is over the corner of the stitched registration mark. Lower the needle into the corner of the mark. Ensure that the fabric and stabilizer edges are aligned with the ledge and close the hoop. Raise the needle.
11. Advance past the registration marks (that way you have less to rip out) and begin the embroidery.



12. Continue embroidery until you have 6 repeats of the design.

13. Toggle to **Sewing Mode** .


14. Snap on your 0A foot. Engage the IDT™ system.

15. Select stitch **1.1.2** .

16. Using a fabric marking pen, finish the circle on the beginning design.

17. Stitch to fill in the open area.

## Sew:

1. Snap on your ¼" Right Guide Foot with IDT™ system. Select stitch **1.1.1** .

2. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin.

3. Sort the cut strips according to the prints.

4. Select two different 1½" wide print strips and place right sides together. Sew with a ¼" seam.



5. Add one strip of each of the remaining two prints as desired, creating a unit with four strips.

6. Sew the remaining strips together in the same way to create three more units.

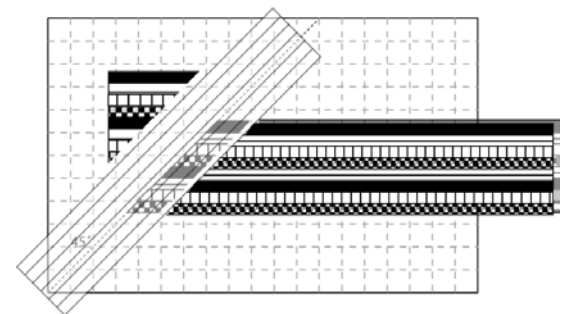
7. Sew two units together to create two sets of eight strips.

8. Press all the seam allowances in one direction.

9. Place the strips sets right sides together.

10. Cut at a 45° angle as shown.

11. Then, following that angle, cut six 1½" wide double diagonal strips. Save the remaining fabric, we will use it for the pockets.



12. You have a “right” set and a “left” set; together they create the chevron.

13. Place a “right” and a “left” strip right sides together. Sew with the seam allowance pointing towards you and the point up as shown. This will ensure that they are all the same.



14. After you have sewn all the strip sets, join them together to form the chevron panel.

15. Trim the panel to 10” long x 11” wide.

16. Trim your embroidered strip  $\frac{3}{4}$ ” from the embroidery on each long edge leaving the excess fabric on the top and bottom ends of the strips.

17. Fold the embroidered strip in half, matching the short ends and mark the center.

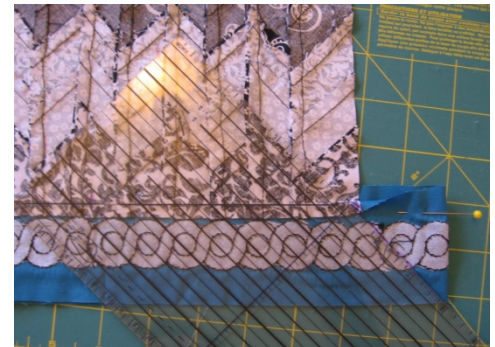
18. Mark the center of the 11” side of the chevron.

19. Match the two marks, placing the embroidered strip and the chevron right sides together. Pin.

20. Mark and pin  $\frac{1}{4}$ ” in from each end of the chevron panel.

21. Stitch between the marks back tacking at each end.

22. Fold the embroidered strip back on itself as shown, matching the embroidery. Using a ruler with 45° marking, draw a line for the miter starting at the end of the stitching and extending through the embroidered border. Pin. Repeat for second side.



23. Stitch the mitered seams.

24. Trim the fabric  $\frac{1}{4}$ ” from the stitching line.

25. Stitch the remaining seams, attaching the border to the sides of the chevron panel.

26. Trim the ends of the border strips even with the chevron panel.

27. Place the chevron panel on top of the 12” x 15” piece of In-R-Form with the right side facing out. Place flap lining piece on top with right sides together.

28. Stitch the side and bottom seams.

29. Clip the corners, turn and press.

30. Align the flange of the foot with the edge of the fabric and topstitch around the three sewn sides of the flap.

31. Stitch close to the raw edges of the open top, securing the fabric layers together.

## **Pockets:**

1. From pieced scraps, cut two rectangles 7½" long x 8" wide for pockets.
2. Place right sides together with pocket lining and stitch around the pocket leaving a 3" opening on one 7½" edge.
3. Clip the corners, turn and press.
4. Insert ¼" Steam-A-Seam 2 into the opening and press with steam to fuse.

## **Quilt the Bag:**

1. Place one 12" long x 15" wide bag fabric on top of the same size piece of In-R-Form with the right side facing out.
2. Using a fabric marking pen or chalk, mark a line 1¼" in from the edge, parallel to the 12" side.
3. Mark lines 1" apart across the fabric.
4. Snap on your Clear Open Toe Foot and engage the IDT™ system.
5. Stitch the channel quilting.
6. Repeat with one other 12" x 15" piece.

## **Assemble:**

1. Snap on your ¼" Right Guide Foot with IDT™ system.
2. Place the two strap pieces right sides together on top of the In-R-Form batting alternative.
3. Stitch along each edge.
4. Turn using your Fasturn Tube turner.
5. Topstitch along each edge aligning the flange of the foot with the edge of the strap.
6. Place the channel quilted pieces right sides together. Stitch the side and bottom seams (the channel quilting runs vertically) .
7. Place the chevron flap right sides together with the bag back. Insert the strap ends matching the raw edges and stitch in place.

8. Turn the bag right side out leaving the flap right sides together against the bag.
9. Center the pockets on the lining pieces. The 15" edges are the bag top and bottom.
10. Sew the pockets in place, leaving the pocket top edge open.
11. Stitch the side seams of the bag lining, turning the corner onto the bottom but stopping 1" into the bottom seam. Because of the stiffness of the bag, the majority of the bottom seam will be left open for turning.
12. Place the bag inside the lining, right sides together. The strap and flap should be between the layers.
13. Stitch around the top of the bag.
14. Turn the bag through the opening in the lining.
15. Turn under the raw edges and topstitch the bottom opening closed.
16. Topstitch around the front top edge of the bag to keep the lining in place. The flap will take care of the top back of the bag.

Fill your new bag with all your goodies, and you are ready to go!

