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“POLKA DOT FUN-BEACH BAG SET”



This summer, be fashionable and prepared! This fun set includes a spot for your phone, sunglasses, and even a matching towel!

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Bag Instructions:

Supplies:

Baby Lock Sewing and Embroidery Machine

[Cell phone embroidery design](#) (click to download)

[Glasses embroidery design](#) (click to download)

$\frac{3}{4}$ yard of home décor print fabric

$\frac{3}{4}$ yard of solid colored sports cloth

2 yards heavy-weight fusible interfacing

1-7/8 yard $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide cotton cording for handles

Embroidery thread in assorted colors

Tear~Away Soft stabilizer (BLT104)

Machine Embroidery temporary spray adhesive

All-purpose thread

Tube turner or piece of string

Pins

Scissors

Chalk

Cutting:

From the print material cut:

- Two 13-1/4" x 22" rectangles for bag
- One 17" x 6" rectangle for bag bottom
- One 5-1/4" x 5" rectangle for cell phone pocket lining
- One 7-1/4" x 4-1/4" rectangle for glasses pocket lining

From the solid material cut:

- Two 13-1/4" x 22" rectangles for bag lining
- One 17" x 6" rectangle for bag bottom lining
- One 5-1/4" x 5" rectangle for cell phone pocket
- One 7-1/4" x 4-1/4" rectangle for glasses pocket
- Two 2-1/4" x 30" strips for handles
- Four 2-1/4" x 4" strips for lining the handle ends

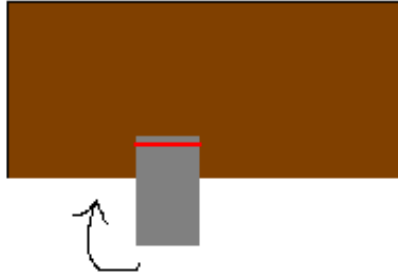
From the interfacing cut:

- Two 13-1/4" x 22" rectangles for bag lining
- Two 17" x 6" rectangles for bag bottom and lining

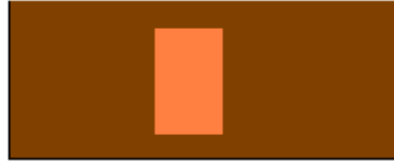
Instructions:

1. Fuse the interfacing to the bag lining and bag bottom pieces.
2. Download Free Bonus designs of the cell phone and glasses.
3. Transfer the designs to your embroidery machine.
4. Hoop the tear-away stabilizer and lightly mist with spray adhesive.
5. Center the cell phone pocket rectangle in the hoop and stitch the cell phone design.
6. Embroider the design using your preference of embroidery thread colors.
7. When the embroidery is complete, remove the piece from the hoop. Then repeat this process for the glasses pocket.
8. Set up the machine for sewing and thread with all-purpose thread to match the bag.
9. With right sides facing and using a 1/4 inch seam, stitch the cell phone pocket and pocket lining together along the top and side edges. Leave the lower edge open for turning.
10. Clip corners and turn the pocket right side out. Press.
11. Repeat this process for the glasses pocket.
12. Position the pockets on the bag front as desired and mark with chalk. Stitch the lower edge to the bag front, then flip the pockets in position, enclosing the lower raw edge. Using a straight stitch or a zigzag stitch the pockets into the desired position.

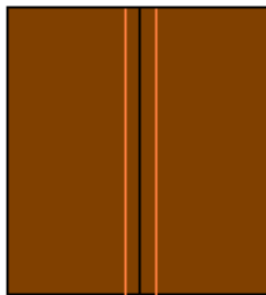
**Stitch Lower edge of pocket,
then flip it into position.**



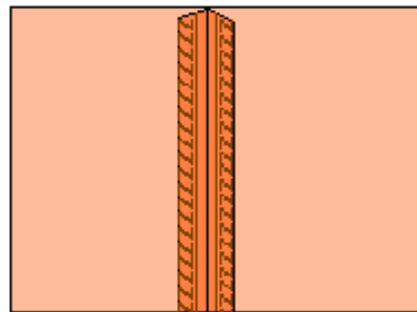
**Once the lower edge of the pocket is
secured, topstitch the pocket in place.**



13. With right sides together, align the top edges of each bag piece with each lining piece. Stitch across the top edge using 5/8" seam allowance.
14. Trim seam allowance to 1/4", press seam and turn right side out.
15. Stitch the lined bag front to the lined bag back at the sides. Press seam open. Trim seam allowance to 1/4" and zigzag over the raw edge.
16. Topstitch through the bag to secure the side seams to the inside of the bag.

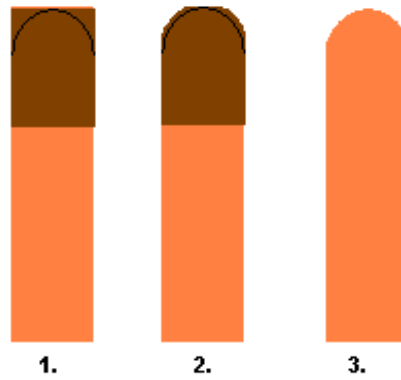


**Right side view
Topstitching on each
side of seam**



**Wrong side view
Zigzag edges and topstitching
secures seam**

17. Baste the bag bottom and bag bottom lining pieces wrong sides together.
18. With the right sides of the bag together, pin the bottom to the lower edge. Baste the bottom to the lower edge. Check the fit; remove any accidental tucks, pleats or puckers. Stitch the bag bottom in place. Trim the seam allowance and zigzag the raw edge.
19. Turn the bag right side out.
20. To make the handles, place the handle lining to the handle right side together. Using a 1/8" seam, stitch a curved seam around the end of the handle. Trim seam allowances and turn the curve right side out. Repeat this process for the remaining ends. Press.



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**Stitch the end of the strap into a curve.
Trim the excess fabric.
Turn the handle end right side out.**

21. Fold the handles right side together and stitch a seam lengthwise forming a tube.
22. Turn the handles right side out. Using a tube turner or piece of string, pull cotton cording through the handles to stuff.
23. Position the handles on the bag front and back and topstitch in place.

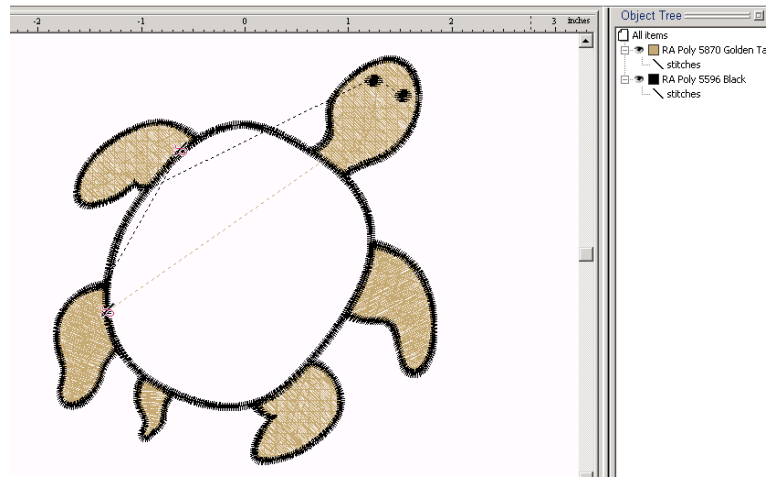
Towel Instructions:

Supplies:

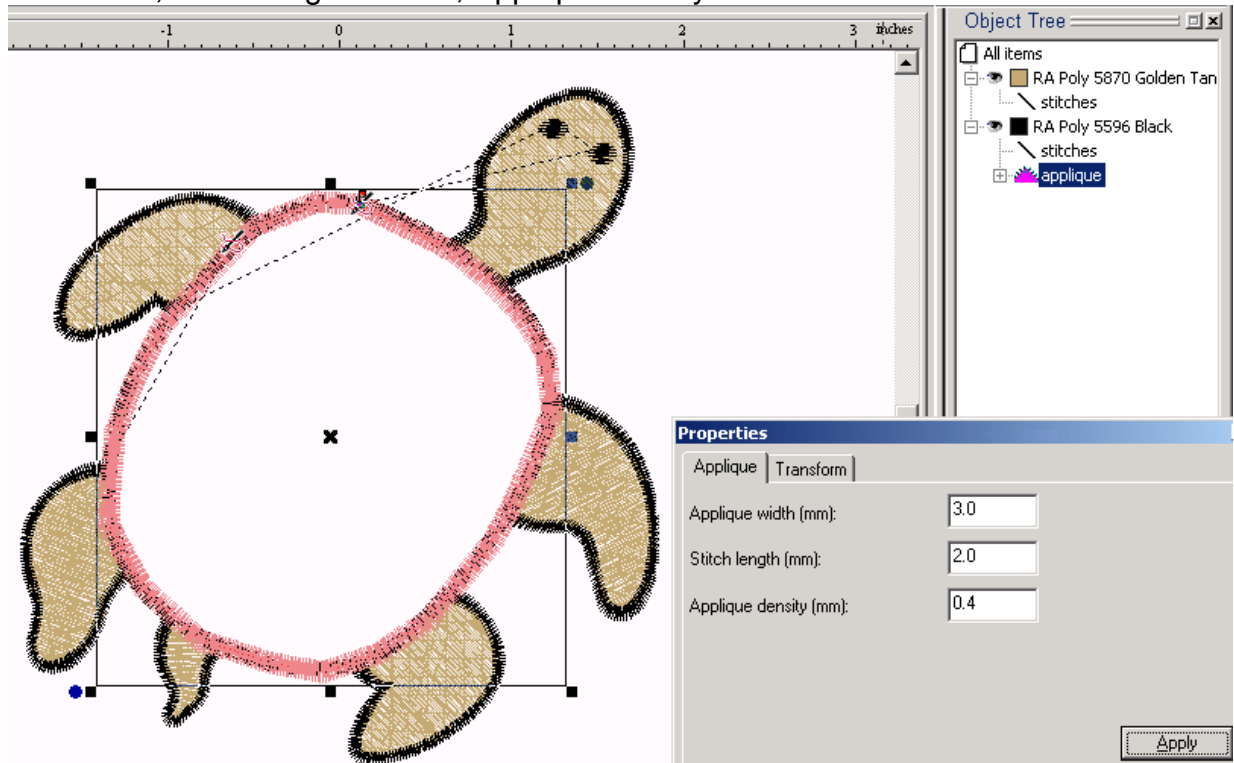
Baby Lock Sewing and Embroidery Machine
 Baby Lock Summer in the Sun design collection (BLDP-P24)
 Beach towel or jumbo bath towel
 Embroidery thread in assorted colors
 Designer's Gallery CustomWorks
 Designer's Gallery QuiltWorks
 Designer's Gallery LetterWorks (Optional)
 Dissolve~Away Mesh stabilizer (BLS500)
 Aqua Melt Topping stabilizer (BLS400)
 Machine Embroidery temporary spray adhesive
 Remnant piece of print fabric from tote bag
 Appliqué scissors

Instructions:

1. Open CustomWorks and merge in the turtle design from the Summer in the Sun design collection.
2. In the Object Tree, delete the stitches that form the spots on the turtles head and feet.
3. Delete the orange color that is the shading on the head and feet. Delete the fill stitches within the turtles shell.
4. Now you have two colors left.



5. Select the appliqué tool and trace around the edge of the shell, right click to create the appliqué shape.
6. Change the properties of the appliqué to the following: Appliqué width 3.0mm, Stitch length 2.0mm, Appliqué density .4mm.



7. If you do not have LetterWorks, save the file and transfer to your machine. In embroidery edit mode, combine the turtle and your initial using a built-in font from the machine.
8. If you have LetterWorks, add an initial in the font of your choice and size it to approximately 4-1/2" tall. Position the turtle next to the letter as desired.
9. Save the file. Transfer the file to the embroidery machine.
10. Hoop the Dissolve~Away Mesh stabilizer and lightly mist with spray adhesive.

11. Place the towel on the hoop where the embroidery is desired. Lightly mist a piece of topping with spray adhesive position on the top of the towel where the embroidery is to be stitched.
12. Embroider the design using your preference of embroidery thread colors.
Note: Use the same color for the appliqué positioning lines as for the satin stitch of the shell.
13. When the embroidery is complete remove the towel from the hoop.

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