



“WASH ME, WEAR ME TRAVEL LAUNDRY BAGS”



These travel laundry bags make a great gift for students going away to college. Make them in your school colors. They can also be thrown in the wash when they get dirty.

Skill Level: Beginner

Supplies:

Baby Lock Embroidery Machine

Baby Lock Evolve

Baby Lock Belt Loop Binder $\frac{3}{4}$ " Attachment (BLE8-S12)

$\frac{1}{2}$ yard 45" wide purple cotton twill fabric

$\frac{1}{2}$ yard 45" wide White cotton twill fabric

Stabilizer

Embroidery thread in purple and white

4 cones maxi-Lock thread in purple

4 cones maxi-Lock thread in white

Rotary cutter, mat and ruler

Giant safety pin or bodkin

Instructions:

1. Prewash fabric before cutting/sewing to allow for any color fading and shrinkage.
2. Cut one 16" x 45" piece and two 1" x 45" strips from each fabric.
3. Set the Evolve up for a narrow coverstitch using the purple thread and attach the belt loop binder.
4. Feed the 1" strip through the $\frac{3}{4}$ " belt loop binder attachment. Repeat for the second 1" strip. These will be the drawstrings.
5. Rethread the machine with the white thread and make the white drawstrings. Set both sets aside.
6. Set the Sewing and embroidery machine for embroidery. Program in the words "**Wash Me**" in the font of your choice.
7. Hoop the purple fabric and the stabilizer, positioning the fabric centered and approximately 6" from one of the short edges.
8. Embroider the words in White.
9. When the embroidery is complete, remove the fabric from the hoop and repeat the hoping process for the white fabric.
10. Program in the words "**Wear Me**", embroider the words with purple thread on the white fabric.
11. Thread the serger for a four thread stitch.
12. With right sides together pin the sides and bottom of bag. Mark 4" down from the top on both sides. Start serging from this point and continue to the bottom.
13. Then serge the other side of bag in the same manner.
14. Turn under the edges and topstitch down.
15. Fold the top edge down two inches to form the casing.
16. Topstitch the casings separately, so the sides are open for the drawstrings.
17. Insert the drawstrings through casing using a giant safety pin or bodkin. Knot the ends of the drawstrings.

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