

Velvet Evening Bag



The front of this velvet evening bag is embellished with a machine embroidered cross-stitch pattern inspired by the lush textiles of the Elizabethan era. The design shown requires a hoop at least 13cm x 17cm, however the smaller cross stitch designs downloaded with this pattern can also be used to create an equally stunning effect.

Finished size: 16cm (h) x 12cm (w) x 9cm (d)
All seam allowances 1.5cm

Materials Required

- Rowena Charlton Designs Elizabethan Grandeur 'cross stitch 1' design
- Gold embroidery thread (Kingstar preferred)
- Sticky-back stabiliser or medium weight tear-away stabiliser and quilt basting spray
- Velvet 25cm x 115cm
- Lining 25cm x 115cm
- Firm fusible interfacing 25cm x 115cm
- Belting 2 pieces each 11.5cm by 25mm wide
- Magnetic closure, or press stud
- PVC tubing 30cm x 5mm diameter
- Heavy cardboard for base 8cm x 11cm
- General sewing requirements

Construction

1. Cut the following pieces from velvet
Note: Velvet pile should run downwards
 - For bag front, 1 piece of velvet large enough to fit in hoop that will be used to stitch chosen embroidery. Embroidered front will be trimmed to 15cm (w) x 19cm (h)
 - Bag back 1 piece 15cm x 19cm
 - Sides 2 pieces 12cm x 19cm
 - Base 1 piece 15cm x 12cm
 - Tab 1 piece 8cm x 8cm
 - Handle 1 piece 4cm x 35cm
2. Cut the following pieces from lining
 - Lining front and back 2 pieces 15cm x 19cm
 - Sides 2 pieces 12cm x 19cm
 - Base 1 piece 15cm x 12cm
 - Cardboard cover 1 piece 18.5cm x 14.5cm
3. Embroider bag front with desired design. To avoid pile damage lay velvet on top of hooped stabiliser (for tear-away stabiliser secure with quilt basting spray). Trim to 15cm (w) x 19cm (h)
4. Interface all velvet pieces with firm fusible interfacing.
5. Stitch bag front and back to sides along long edge. Stitch base in place. Trim excess fabric from corners and seams. Turn right side out and press. Note: It will be difficult to press this small bag with a conventional iron. A Clover

- patchwork iron will make the task easier.
6. For tab, fold fabric in half and stitch lengthways. Trim and press seam open. Roll seam to centre and stitch one end. Trim seam and turn right side out. If using a magnetic closure, attach now according to manufacturer's instructions. Stitch tab in place on bag back. (Pic A.)
 7. Stitch lining as you did the velvet, leaving a large opening on one long side of the base for turning. Trim excess fabric from corners and seams and press.
 8. Sit velvet bag inside lining, and with right sides together pin lining to top of bag. Stitch lining and bag together. (Pic B.)
 9. Stitch 11.5cm of belting 3mm above top front and back seam. (Pic C.)
 10. Turn bag right side out through opening. Close opening by hand.
 11. Fold handle fabric in half lengthways. Stitch seam and trim excess fabric. Turn, and insert PVC tubing. Fabric should fit very snugly around tubing.
 12. Fold under handle raw edges and finish by hand. Stitch handle in place by hand, positioning on the either side of the finished bag. (Pic D.)
 13. Pinch bag sides inwards, and stitch diagonally across sides, covering the ends of the handle. (Pic E.)
 14. For base, fold fabric in half lengthways, and stitch on two sides. Turn, press, and then insert the cardboard base. Finish opening by hand. Drop base into bag.
 15. If using a press stud closure, hand stitch to tab and bag.

Diagrams

