

BIBLE TOTES 3

Instructions for pocket and tab closure (with magnetic closures) by Sherry Titzer - <http://www.atimetostitch.com>

The supplies for making these tote bags are listed in the text files provided with your designs.
A separate PDF file with illustrations & instructions for making the tote bag is also provided with your order.



1. Hoop tear away stabilizer. The first color in the design stitches a cross placement line on the stabilizer only.



2. Prepare your fabric as instructed in the text file. Fold the fabric/batting in half from top to bottom.



3. Now, fold it in half again from side to side.



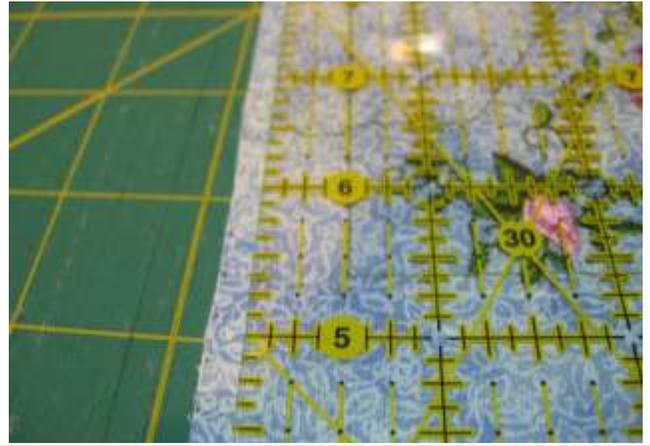
4. Spray the stitched cross with temporary adhesive spray and place the folded fabric in the lower right hand corner of the cross placement line. Keep the fold even with the stitched lines.



5. Unfold the rest of the fabric until it is laying flat in the hoop. The widest side should be perpendicular to your hoop. The cross placement line will keep the design centered on the pocket correctly.



6. The first color in the pocket design stitches a basting line around the design. You will use this basting line as a guide to trim the fabric to size later.



7. After stitching design, trim the stabilizer from the back side close to the basting outline. (trim, do not tear!) Iron the design with press cloth over it until it is smooth and flat.

8. Trim the pocket to the correct size using the basting outline as your measuring guide. The trimming dimensions are included in the text file provided with your designs. Press again, remove the basting stitches.



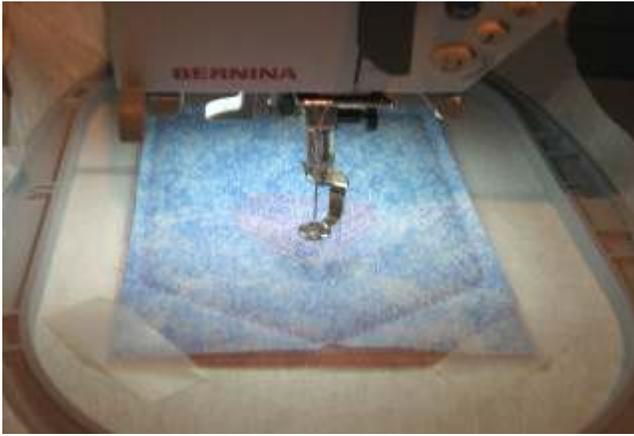
9. Before adding the lining to the pocket, iron a 3" square of medium weight interfacing centered over the small circle at the top directly onto the batting. Install the fat side of magnetic closure to the pocket now.

10. Add the lining to the pocket, the lining should roll to the back of the pocket slightly on both sides. Top stitch along the top and bottom.



11. Now let's make the "turned" tab closure. You'll need 2 pieces of fabric, 1 piece batting and 1 piece fusible interfacing. Iron the interfacing to wrong side of one piece for lining). Cutting dimensions provided in text file provided with your designs.

12. Hoop cutaway stabilizer in your hoop. The first color stop stitches a placement outline. Place the fabric/batting centered inside the outline and tape in place.



13. Stitch embroidery design following the instructions in text file provided with your designs until the directions tell you to add the lining.
For the satin edge tab closures - From this point on, follow the instructions in the text file because they are slightly different!

14. Add an extra piece fusible interfacing (3" square) to wrong side of lining fabric 3/4" from the bottom (to support magnetic closure). Measure 1 1/4" up from bottom and mark. Make a second mark centered across the width of the fabric to find center.



15. Center the flat washer (part of magnetic closure) over your center mark and trace the slits on each side. Cut the tiny slits open but do not add the other half of the magnetic closure just yet!

16. Center the prepared lining fabric inside the rectangle outline in the hoop (right sides of fabric facing) keeping the bottom edge of the fabric even with the basting outline. Tape in place.



17. The next color stop tacks the lining fabric down. Remove design from hoop and trim the excess fabric/batting & stabilizer along the side and bottom with pinking shears. Trim the top with a ruler and rotary cutter right next to the stitches so that it nice and straight.

18. Grab the thin half of the magnetic closure with needle nose pliers.



19. Slide the magnetic closure down between the two pieces of fabric and push the metal tabs up through the pre-cut slits in the lining.

20. Slip the metal washer over the metal tabs and fold over until flat.



21. Turn the tab closure right side out, press. Top stitch along finished edges. (You may need to use a zipper foot. It may be the only foot that allows room to top stitch without hitting the magnetic closure)

22. Place the tab closure centered over the pocket until the two halves of the magnetic closure snaps together to see how it looks!

To finish the purse tote, follow the illustrations and instructions in the the PDF file included with your order.