

EYEGLOSS CASES

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Supplies:

Fabric (starch your fabric until it is nice and crisp first, it's easier to trim when stiff)

Pellon Stitch 'n tear (tear away) stabilizer (for pockets)

Vilene or Aqua Magic wash away stabilizer (for base of eyeglass case)

Pellon Thermolam batting (or iron on fleece batting or any brand of thicker batting)

Embroidery Thread (Sulky thread used in instructions and on all sample designs)

Scotch tape and temporary adhesive spray

These eye glass cases are made completely in the hoop. They can be made as a single eyeglass holder or a double eyeglass holder. To make a double glass holder just make two pockets following the instructions written below.



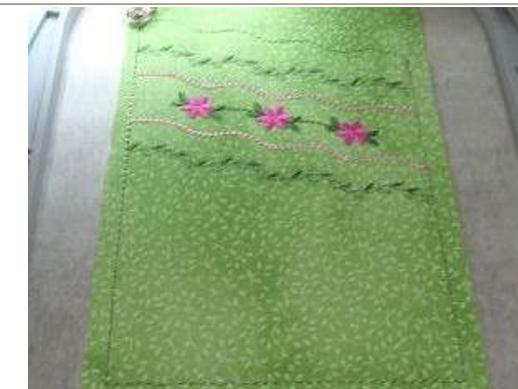
1. Hoop 1 piece of Pellon Stitch 'n Tear and stitch the first color directly onto the stabilizer. (No fabric yet)

2. Place one piece of fabric over the outline just sewn. Use scotch tape or temporary spray adhesive to keep the fabric in place.



3. Stitch the next color in the design - this tacks the fabric down to the stabilizer. Stitch the rest design in the center of the pocket following the color order in the text file.

4. After the pocket design is stitched, remove hoop & spray a 2nd piece of fabric with adhesive spray & center over the outline on back side of hoop. Put hoop back on machine.



5. The next color in the design stitches the outline again to tack the piece of fabric under the hoop down.

6. Remove hoop & trim both pieces of fabric close to the stitches at the top of the pocket. Trim away the stabilizer leaving a 1/2" opening at the top. (don't trim anything else)



7. Flip the hoop over to the back side. Place wash away stabilizer 2" x 5" over the opening. Use spray adhesive or scotch tape to keep in place.



8. Place hoop back on machine. The next color in the design stitches the satin stitch edge along the top of the pocket to cover the raw edge of the fabric.



9. Remove hoop and trim away the wash away stabilizer from around the satin stitching. Trim at least 1/16" away from the stitches so you don't accidentally cut into them.



10. With a straight edge ruler & rotary cutter, trim the sides & bottom of pocket design close to the stitches. Run a wet rag along the top satin stitches to dissolve the remaining stabilizer.



11. If you are making a double eyeglass holder, make another pocket exactly like the one you just made.



12. Open the "eyeglass base" file, hoop vilene wash away stabilizer in the hoop & stitch the 1st color in the design.



13. Place 1 piece of fabric over 1 piece of thermolam and center both over the outline just sewn.



14. Flip hoop over and place another piece of fabric centered over the outline. Put hoop back on machine.



15. The next color in the design stitches the outline again to secure the fabric on both sides of the hoop.



16. Remove hoop and trim the fabric and thermalfoam close to the stitches on both sides of the hoop.



17. This picture shows how the fabric has been trimmed close to the stitches. The outer rectangle sewn around the design is there to help you with the pocket placement.



18. Place pocket over the outer outline keeping it even with the sides & bottom. Scotch tape the pocket in place. Flip hoop over and tape the 2nd pocket in place as well.



19. This picture shows how I taped the pockets in place. Place hoop back on machine.



20. The next color in the design tacks the pockets down on both sides of the hoop.



21. Remove hoop & trim the excess pocket fabric close to the stitches on both sides of the hoop. Place hoop on machine.



22. The last color stitches the final satin outline around the eyeglass holder to cover the raw edges of the fabric.



23. Tip: As the satin stitch edge comes down the right side towards the right edge of pocket you may need to stop your machine to tuck the pocket under the foot if the tape didn't hold it down well enough to clear the foot.

24. When finished, remove hoop and flip to back side. Trim the case from the stabilizer keeping at least 1/16" from the stitches. Run a wet rag along edge to dissolve the rest of the stabilizer.



Here is the finished eyeglass case with a pocket on each side!

Note: The pockets on some of the eyeglass cases meet at the same point on each side. The case used above had an angled top so the pockets did not meet at the same point on the sides. For pockets that do meet at the same point, I do not recommend using the embroidered pocket on both sides because the top satin edge of the pocket will meet at the same point on the sides and become too thick to stitch out nicely. If you still want a double eyeglass holder just cut two pieces of fabric 4 1/2" x 6 1/2" with wrong sides together and stitch a 1/2" seam across the top. Then turn the fabric right side out & top stitch along the folded edge. Spray between the two pieces with temporary adhesive and smooth flat so it acts as one piece.



Front



Back



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Back

For pockets that meet at the same point on (or height) along the sides, use a plain pocket on the back. Reason: When the two embroidered pockets meet at the edge, the satin stitching on the top of the pockets becomes too thick at the sides to stitch nicely.

Pockets that have angled tops do not meet at the same point on the sides. Since the top edge is stitches at an angle, the right side is lower than the left. It is fine to use the embroidered pockets on both sides when the top of the pocket does not meet at the same point along the sides.