

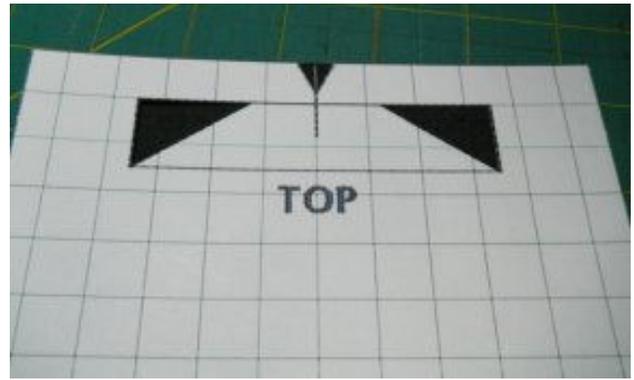
Shoulder Savers - Velcro

(for Purse/Tote bag shoulder straps)

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First!! Open the "READ ME" text file (provided with order) for list of supplies & pattern printing instructions. The instructions below are for making the shoulder saver with a velcro closure.

Cut fabric, headliner fabric & velcro to size as stated in "Read Me" text file. You will also need a Scotch glue stick. **WILL FIT PURSE STRAPS FROM 1" WIDE UP TO 1 3/8" WIDE**



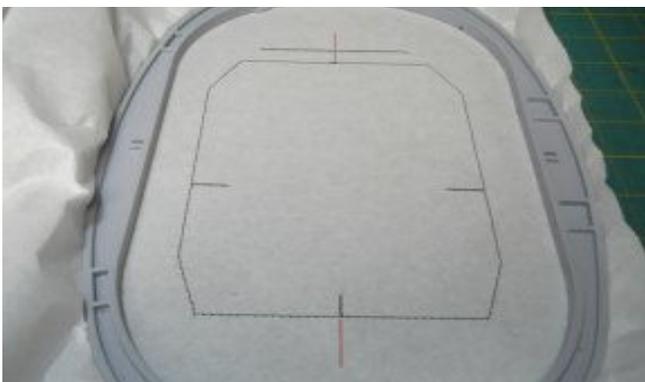
1. Print pattern "actual size on card stock. Cut out & also trim away the small triangles.

2. On RIGHT side of 1 pc of fabric use pattern to mark the center at top & bottom. Mark center on WRONG side of 2nd pc of fabric & mark "T" at the top (2nd piece is the lining)



3. On right side of lining fabric, use pattern to trace the small triangles at the top.

4. Rub glue stick on back of soft half of velcro. Center over marks. Sew to lining with narrow zig zag stitch on sewing machine. Set aside.



5. Hoop stabilizer, stitch placement lines on stabilizer. Extend center line by marking 1" lines on stabilizer at the top & bottom. Spray area with temporary adhesive spray.

6. Place fabric in hoop keeping top even with "T" at top of placement line (center marks even). The next outline tacks fabric down & stitches placement rectangle for velcro.



7. Rub glue stick on back of scratchy half of velcro & center over rectangle. Next step tacks velcro down. Continue stitching embroidery design.



8. Center lining WRONG side up (velcro at top) over fabric in hoop. Keep lining even with "T" of placement line & the center marks even. (Be accurate here!)



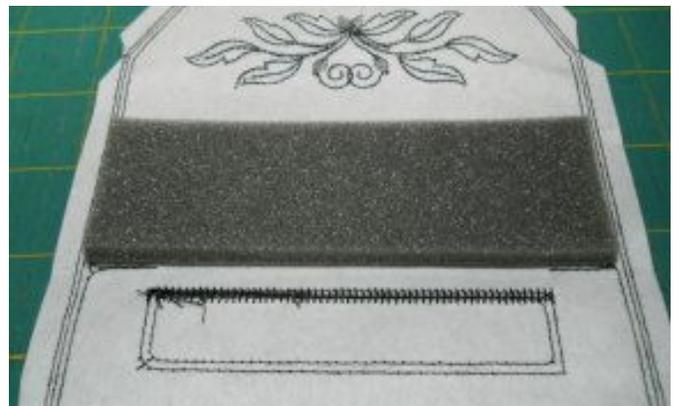
9. Remove from hoop. Trim fabric & stabilizer 1/4" wider than outline on all side EXCEPT the bottom. Trim stabilizer at bottom even with fabric for a wider seam allowance.



10. Clip angles and corners as needed for turning. Flip bottom fabric up at edge of basting stitches and iron to crease. Repeat on other side.



11. On side without stabilizer, remove the basting stitches with seam ripper to create an opening for turning.



12. Rub glue stick on fabric side of headliner. Center inside outline keeping bottom even with short stitched placement lines. Use press cloth and iron to fuse headliner in place.



13. When glue is dry (headliner secure) turn right side out. Keep seams even along edges & press. Use stitch witchery to close opening & top stitch the entire edge.

14. With ensemble wrong side up, fold bottom at stitched "fold line", iron to crease. Fold again along bottom of velcro & iron to crease as well.



15. Place wrap over purse strap(s) keeping folded bottom of wrap under the purse straps.

16. Flip wrap around the straps and up to the top.



17. Fold down until both pieces of velcro meet along the edge. You are finished!

18. This is what a shoulder saver looks like on your shoulder!