

July 2004 - Silk Hangbag



Create an elegant make up bag using the Brother Rolled Hem Foot SA126 to finish the edges of sheer fabric.

Materials and Supplies

- Brother Sewing Machine
- SA126 (2 mm rolled hem foot)
- 11" X 18" fashion fabric
- 11" X 18" thin batting
- 11" X 18" lining
- Three Pieces of different colored sheer fabric 15" X 10"
- 18" coordinating nylon zipper
- Thread to match fashion fabrics and sheer fabrics
- **Optional:** Zipper Pull

To make the pattern:

- Step 1** Using a standard piece of paper that is 8 1/2 X 11" cut a two-inch square from each corner section of one long side. Discard the small corner piece with the cross in it. See (Figure 1)

Pattern cutting instructions:

- Step 1** Using the pattern above, cut 2 each from the fashion fabric, batting and lining fabric.

Sewing instructions:

- Step 1** Separate fabrics into two piles consisting of one each: fashion fabric, batting and lining fabric.
- Step 2** Stack fabric as follows: Lay lining wrong side facing up, batting and fashion fabric right side facing up. (Figure 2)
- Step 3** Using an 1/8 inch seam allowance baste around all sides, including cut out areas.
- Step 4** Label one section back and one section front.
- Step 5** Hem one long side (15" side) of each sheer section of fabric using the 2mm rolled hem foot.

Tip on using a rolled hem foot:

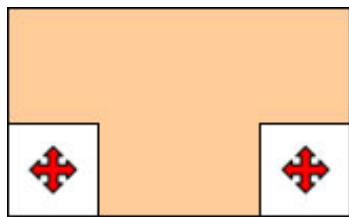


Figure 1

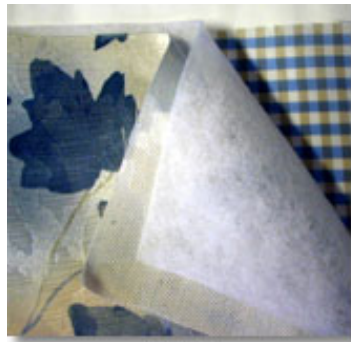


Figure 2



Figure 3

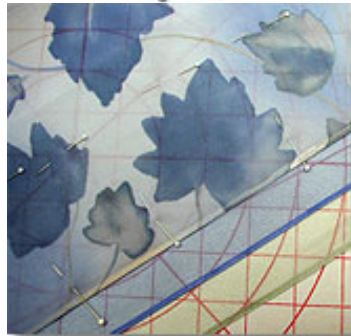


Figure 4



Figure 5

- Step 1** Starch fabric well.
- Step 2** Place fabric under foot wrong side up.
- Step 3** Set machine for center needle position and stitch length for 1.8mm.
- Step 4** Using the edge of the rolled hem foot as a guide (line edge of fabric with right side edge of foot), stitch about 1•" down the edge of fabric. Do not cut threads. Stitch in reverse, traveling up the previous line of stitching. Do not cut threads. Raise needle and presser foot. Pull both threads with fabric from under foot until there is a 4" thread tail. Cut threads close to needle.
- Step 5** Roll fabric to wrong side twice to form a 2mm roll. Finger press close to the stitching.
- Step 6** Place fabric back under foot at edge. Make sure rolled fabric fits under the groove in the foot.
- Step 7** Begin stitching on previous stitch line for one inch using the threads tails to help pull fabric through foot. (Figure 3)
- Step 8** Stop machine with needle in fabric.
- Step 9** Roll remaining section around front curve in foot.
- Step 10** Stitch remaining fabric.
- Step 11** When stitching on sheer fabrics or lightweight fabric, place a stabilizer such as "Stitch in the Ditch" under fabric.
- Step 1** Lay all three sections of sheer fabric one on top of the other right sides facing up.
- Step 2** Separate layers by staggering hems one inch apart. Pin and baste in place. (Figure 4)
- Step 3** Lay sheer fabric over the bag front at an angle. (Figure 5)
- Step 4** Pin and baste in place. Press and trim off excess.
- Step 5** Finish long edges (11" sides) of front and back of bag sections with a serger, overcasting stitch or binding.
- Step 6** With rights sides of both sections together, baste top edge with •" seam allowance. Press seam open.
- Step 7** Lay zipper centered under seam center, face up on the wrong side of bag. Zipper will be extra long. Stitch in place along each side of zipper using the zipper foot. Press.
- Step 8** Fold bag in half so wrong sides (lining sides) are facing each other using zipper as fold line.
- Step 9** Stitch bottom together using a •" seam.
- Step 10** Open zipper half way.
- Step 11** Repeat for sides stitching through zipper. Back stitch through zipper to secure it in place.
- Step 12** Trim seams to 1/8" away from stitch line. Press.
- Step 13** Turn bag inside out and stitch bottom seam again, enclosing first seam.
- Step 14** Repeat for sides.
- Step 15** Turn bag to right side. Open zipper all the way.
- Step 16** To form corners, bring the side seam down to meet the seam. Stitch across using •" seam allowance. Trim to within 1/8" of stitch line.
- Step 17** Turn bag to wrong side out. Stitch again enclosing previous seam.
Optional: Attach zipper pull.

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