

## Projects > Sewing Essentials Zipper Bag

If you want to give a graduation gift that keeps on giving, consider purchasing a sewing machine for your high school or college graduate. To compliment the gift, make this sewing essential bag and fill it with items found in the Pacesetter® Sewing Starter Kit. Make the bag from see through nylon screening and decorate it with a FREE scissor embroidery pattern. You will want to make more of these little bags for future gifts. Decorate additional bags with mini designs available from Brother's iBroidery Design Center website. Purchase designs with a multitude of themes and hobby motifs from <http://www.ibroidery.com/>

### Materials and Supplies

- [Brother Sewing and Embroidery Machine](#)
- [Brother Embroidery Threads](#)
- [Brother Bobbin Thread](#)
- [SA122](#) Brother Non-Stick Teflon Foot
- [SA161](#) Brother Adjustable Zipper & Piping Foot
- [SA5906](#) Brother Pacesetter® Lightweight Adhesive-Backed Water Soluble Stabilizer
- [SASCKIT1](#) Brother Pacesetter® Sewing Starter Kit
- Brother FREE scissor design. Note: Additional Brother miniature designs are available for purchase from Brother's [iBroidery™ Design Center](#)
- Nylon window screening material, found in hardware stores:  
One piece measuring 10-inches wide X 8-inches long for bag front.  
One piece measuring 10-inches wide X 9 & 1/2-inches long for bag back.
- Black 9-inch closed bottom Sport zipper.
- Black gross grain ribbon, one piece 5/8-inch wide X 3-inches long for side tab.
- Basic sewing notions including black polyester sewing thread.



### Instructions For Embroidering Bag Front

1. Hoop a piece of the adhesive-backed water soluble stabilizer according to package instructions. Secure bag front piece to the stabilizer, having the piece centered in the hoop. **\*See Figure #1.**

2. Download and transfer the FREE scissor design to the machine, using your desired method. Embroider several scissor motifs across the front of the bag, taking care to keep designs within 1-inch of all sides. Use the machine's trial feature to trace stitching area prior to embroidering motifs.

**Note:** Example features Brother's 8-inch square hoop. Using this hoop size, along with Edit mode capability, you can add several motifs to the layout and embroider them all in one "hooping". Smaller hoop sizes require multiple hoopings, along with the use of the trial feature to ensure motifs do not overlap.

3. When embroidery is finished, remove from hoop. Carefully cut away excess stabilizer, taking care not to cut screening material. Wash away remaining stabilizer according to package instructions. Press piece using a warm iron and a press cloth.

Figure #1



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### Instructions For Constructing The Bag

1. To prepare for zipper insertion, position zipper tape underneath one 10-inch edge of front embroidered piece, and one 10-inch edge of back plain piece. Tape in place using, low tack tape. **\*See Figure #2.**
2. Place Teflon foot on the machine. Set machine for an ordinary straight stitch. Sewing from the top side, stitch through screening and zipper tape, sewing as close to the zipper teeth as possible, and removing tape as you stitch. **\*See Figure #3.**
3. Select a zig zag stitch, width 3.5 & length 3.0. Stitch over the straight stitches to re-enforce the zipper area.
4. Open zipper half way. Select the ribbon piece. Fold ribbon in half and place it on the right side of the bag front, positioning it slightly below the zipper stop at the "pull tab" end of the zipper. **\*See Figure #4.**
5. Fold the bag front and back together, having right sides facing, and the bottom edges even. Using a straight stitch, sew the bottom seam with a ¼-inch seam allowance. Zig zag close to the seamline to re-enforce the seam.
6. Sew side seams as follows:
  - Using the Teflon foot, and a seam allowance of approximately 5/8-inch, sew each side seam up to the zipper tape, taking care to backstitch at each end. Re-enforce the seam with a second row of straight stitches close to the first.
  - Trim seam allowance to equal ½-inch.
  - Replace the Teflon foot with the adjustable zipper foot. Sew the remainder of the seam, adjusting the foot to sew close to the zipper stops at each end. Take care to back stitch at the beginning and the end. Re-enforce the stitching line with a second row of stitches close to the first. **\*See Figure #5.**
7. Turn bag right side out. Fill with items from the sewing starter kit.

Options: This bag style is great for organizing many different hobby items as well as cosmetics, art tools, etc. Be sure to visit <http://www.ibroidery.com/> and explore the variety of miniature embroidery motifs suitable for these bags. This "essentials" bag makes a great gift!

Figure #2

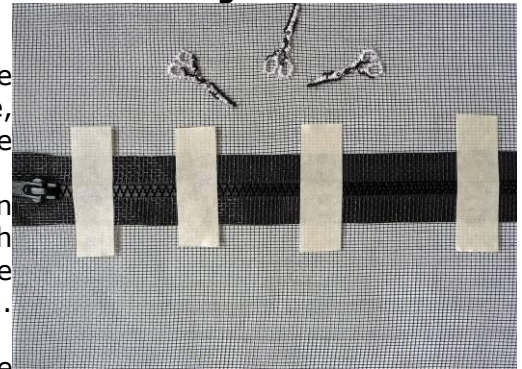


Figure #3

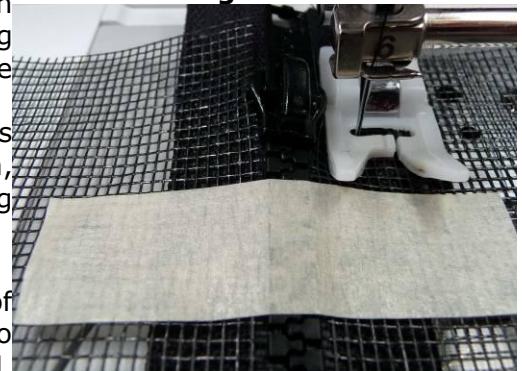


Figure #4



Figure #5

