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Valentine's Day is just around the corner and as I was packing my daughter's snack for preschool in an actual brown paper bag, I realized a sewn one would make the cutest Valentine! In this tutorial, I will be showing you (via my tutorial video) how to use the basic shapes provided in ScanNCutCanvas to make this entire pattern for the bag. I use the various shapes and welding tools to create one shape out of many.

Once you've created your pattern (or choose to download it at the end of this tutorial), get all your materials together and join me!

#### **MATERIALS:**

Brother ScanNCut Machine, Standard Blade and Standard Blade Holder, Multipurpose Cloth or Blackout Curtain Material (it has a coating on one side), Standard Mat (with fabric support sheet if using multipurpose cloth), Brother Iron-On Transfer Material in Film (*optional*), Embroidery Machine (*optional*), Sewing Machine and Accessories

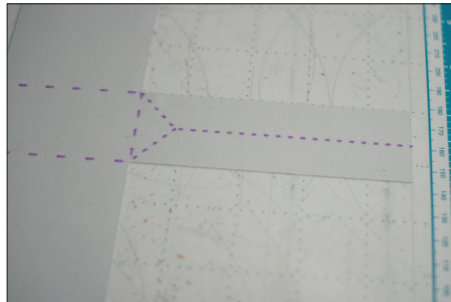
- step 1.** Prep your material and place onto Standard Mat. If you are using blackout curtain material, place on Standard Mat, coated side down. If you are using multipurpose cloth, use a standard mat with the fabric support sheet.



- step 2.** Pull up the pattern and size bag you would like to construct. I've created multiple downloads for various sizes and layouts on the 12" x 12" mat as well as the 12" x 24" mat.



- step 3.** Begin by using a fabric pen (purple or teal) to mark the stitch lines on the sides and bottom of the bag.



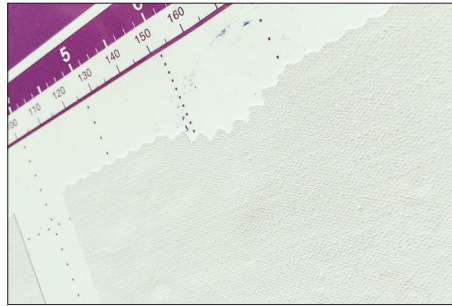
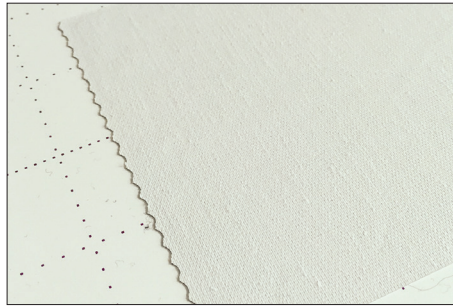
- step 4.** After the lines have been drawn, cut out your bag pattern. My favorite “go-to” settings for this material are as follows: (always perform a test cut)

- Blade length: 5
- Cut pressure: 3
- Cut speed: 1

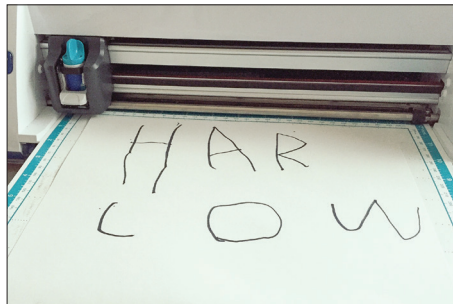


### EMBELLISHMENTS!

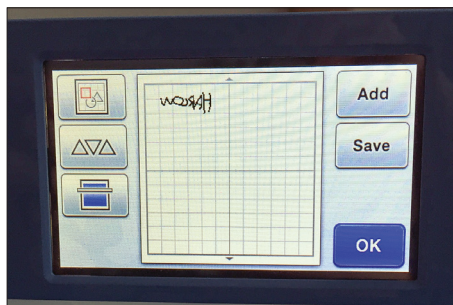
I chose to embellish some bags with embroidery and others with Iron-On Transfer Material.



- step 1.** I scanned a sample of my daughter’s writing to use with my Iron-On Transfer Material. I wanted to make the vinyl “pen thickness” a bit bigger than her actual marker was, so I saved the file to my USB stick and brought it over to ScanNCutCanvas, where I could modify the outlines.



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- step 2.** Open your file from the USB stick and modify as needed. (Don’t forget to mirror it if you are using Iron-on Transfer Material!)



**step 3.** Apply the Iron-On Transfer Material according to the instructions included on packaging.



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**step 4.** Determine where you'd like the embroidered embellishment to go.



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**step 5.** Place bag piece and support into the hoop to be embroidered.

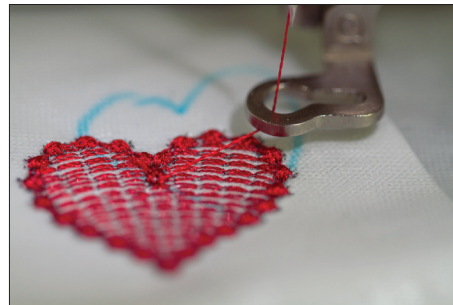


**step 6.** Adjust pattern placement as needed and check threading.

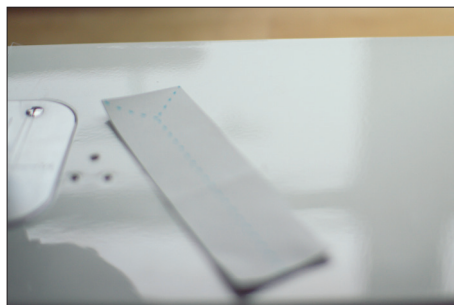


*(I am a self-proclaimed embroidery novice! It's a fun new adventure that I am throwing myself into, but I'm still learning the world of stabilizers and what's best. As I share tutorials with you, I am pushing myself to become an expert - I'm just not there yet!)*

**step 7.** When you've completed the embroidery, it's time to sew the bag! Begin with the side pieces by sewing along the “fold” lines (as shown below) and marked on your material with the ScanNCut “Draw” feature.



**step 8.** Next, either fold and top stitch, or attach the larger side pieces to the base. They should be sewn with “wrong” sides together, so that the seam is on the outside.



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**step 9.** Continue with the smaller sides as well.



**step 10.** Starting at corner at the base of the bag, top stitch along that first edge and continue around all four corners of the bag.



**step 11.** Fill them up with some candy or chocolate, and you are good to go!

