

## Here Comes the Em-bride-ry

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An upcoming wedding means *start up the embroidery machine!* Here are a few ideas for creating personal, thoughtful and budget friendly items for a wedding to remember. Instructions for three easy projects are at the end of the handout.



Lace on a wedding dress? Yes please! Even if you are not up to creating the wedding dress of a fairy tale, accessories are within reach of many sewists. Embroidery designs on netting recreates lace that would cost considerably more if purchased premade. Consider gloves, a lace caplet or even a veil that are easily made from patterns. Something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue? The bride's monogram on grandma's vintage handkerchief would do the trick. Will the bride in a strapless gown need a little warmth at the reception? An embroidered Pashmina shawl would be a lovely way to keep the chill off.

Bridesmaid gifts can be practical and personal. Create a hangar cover, garment bag or shoe bag (*instructions follow*) to store and transport the dress and shoes to the venue. Create a jewelry case with a monogram and enclose a necklace or earrings. After the event, any of these items will do double duty for closet storage or travel. The maid of honor might need a beautifully covered notebook to remember all the details.

Do you need a wedding theme? An embroidery design pack can inspire more than just wearable items. Use an embroidery design pack or fabric to inspire a theme for the wedding,

shower, reception dinner or any wedding related event. The designs from the Love Notes pack shown in the video might inspire centerpieces, pew decorations or table favors.

The design pack shown in the video, Love Notes has directions for fabric trays. These are perfect for a ring-bearer “pillow” or flower girl “basket”. After the wedding these are better used than a little pillow or basket covered with flowers. Use the flower girl design on the tray for a matching flower girl dress.

Embroider the wedding date and the couple’s names on everything! Embroider ribbons for the table decorations, pew decorations or even the bouquet. Make little bags for the “rice” or birdseed thrown at the getaway.

Going to a destination wedding or are the couple heading on a cruise or resort for the honeymoon? Make a ball cap into a conversation piece by embroidering the wedding date on the front and adding a mini-veil on the back. How about caps or t-shirts for the entire wedding party when they are “partying”. The mother or grandmother of the bride may want to sport some very fancy jeans or jacket with lace and embroidery.

Don’t forget the groom and groomsmen. Cummerbunds and ties are achievable by many with the help of patterns. Put the initials on the items. Small groomsmen gifts can also feature a monogram. Create custom monogrammed eyeglass cases for all the gents filled with sunglasses for that tropical destination wedding.

## Hanger Cover Instructions

### Supplies

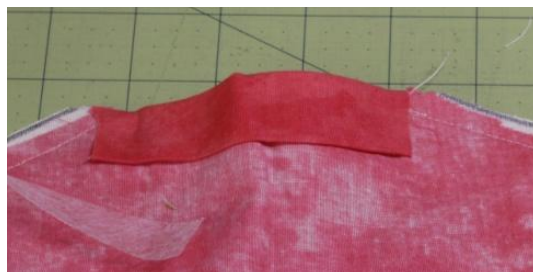
- o Embroidery design, embroidery thread and embroidery bobbin thread (A design from Love Notes Fabric Tray by Hope Yoder featured in the video.)
- o Tearaway stabilizer to fit hoop
- o 14” by 22” Lightweight batting
- o Hangar for pattern
- o 14” by 22” fabric for front of hangar cover

- o 14" by 22" fabric for back of hangar cover
- o Fusible tape

Embroider design on one piece of fabric backed with lightweight batting and appropriate stabilizer for the project. Add a monogram or name to the embroidery. Remove from hoop and press flat. Lay embroidered piece and second piece of fabric right sides together. Use



hangar as a reference to mark and trim top of fabric. Leave a hem allowance and extra fabric at the hangar opening. Sew side seams and reinforce at the hangar opening. Turn hem up and extra fabric through hangar opening. Use fusible tape to iron in place.



## Monogrammed Garment Bag Instructions

### Supplies

- o Embroidery Monogram (Built in designs on the Baby Lock Altair used in the video.)
- o 1 ¼ to 2 yards of 60" wide fabric (Cotton Sheeting was used in the video, but any lightweight 60" wide fabric will work. Polyester organza is a beautiful and cost effective choice. Purchase additional fabric for a full-length garment bag.)
- o Embroidery thread, embroidery bobbin thread and stabilizer appropriate to the project.
- o All purpose sewing thread to match fabric.
- o Hangar for pattern

Center the monogram 5"-6" down from the top edge and the middle of the fabric. Embroider the monogram with appropriate stabilizer for the design and fabrics chosen. Remove the embroidery from the hoop and remove the stabilizer. Press both of the long selvage edges under and topstitch down. Lay the fabric right side up on a table and fold both sides in. The



fabric will be folded into thirds. The bag can be made wider to accommodate extra fullness. Lay the hanger on the top of the fabric and centered. Use hanger as a reference to mark and trim top of fabric. Leave extra fabric at the hanger opening. Sew shoulder seams and reinforce at the hanger opening. The bottom of the garment bag can be left open or sewn closed. (Use a closed opening to contain an extra long garment.) Turn hem up or sew the bottom of the bag with a seam. Turn under the extra fabric through hanger opening. Use fusible tape to iron in place on inside of bag. The extra large overlap keeps the bag closed, but buttons or snaps can be added for extra security.

## Shoe Bag Instructions

### Supplies

- o Decorative stitches of your choice
- o Embroidery thread and bobbin thread
- o All purpose thread to match fabric
- o Check the measurements of the shoe and adjust the sizes of the fabric/batting as necessary.
- o 10" by 14" fabric for front of bag
- o 10" by 14" lightweight fusible batting
- o (2) 9" by 5" fabrics for the top casing
- o 10" by 14" fabric for back of bag
- o (2) 10" by 14" fabrics for lining of bag
- o Fusible tape
- o 45" Ribbon



- o Wash away marker and straight edge

Fuse batting to wrong side of fabric for the front of the bag. Using wash away marker and straight edge, mark lines on the front of the bag. Using decorative thread and decorative stitches of your choice decorate the front of the bag. After stitching trim edges to straighten.



Fold and press both short ends of casing fabrics in and secure with stitching or fusible tape. Fold in half lengthwise (like a hot dog) and press. Sandwich casing centered with raw edges even between the front of bag and one lining. Repeat for the back of bag and second lining. Edges of casing will not be in seam allowance. Seam all pieces together. Lay both pieces right sides together and matching seams in the center. Starting at bottom of lining stitch

around bag making sure not to catch casing edges in seam (see photo). Leave an opening for turning. Turn bag through opening at bottom. Stitch opening closed and push lining into bag.

Cut ribbon in half. Insert one piece through both casings. Tie loose ends together.

Insert the second piece through both casings with the ends on the opposite side of the casing. Tie loose ends together. To close, pull both ends and tie into a loose bow.

