

Embroidered Bath Caddy

Rub-a-dub-dub, carry your stuff to the tub ...
in this stylish bath caddy!

Large inside storage and six outside pockets
allow you to load up all your bath-time
essentials.

Read below for these free project
instructions.

Supplies

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**One yard (total)
duck cloth or
canvas (in two
different colors
- 1/2 yard each)

**Medium weight
cutaway
stabilizer

**Temporary spray
adhesive

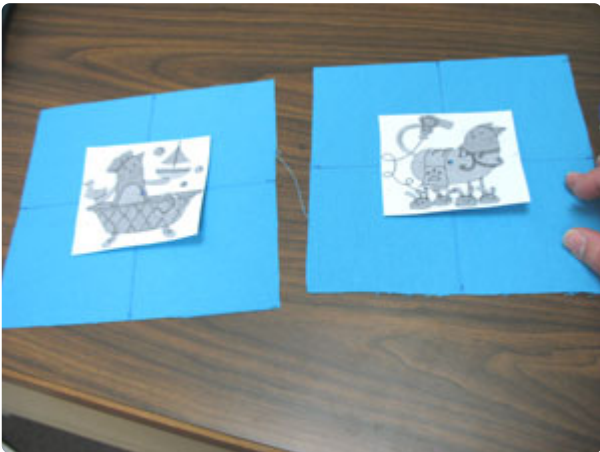
**Air-erase pen (or
other
marking tool)

**Heavy weight



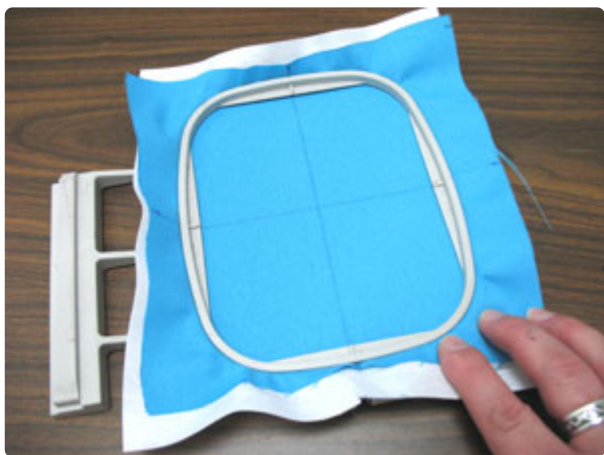
Steps To Complete

First we will prepare the fabric for the end pockets (the pockets on each end of the caddy). Cut two pieces of fabric 8 inches wide by 8 inches tall. Then, using an air erase pen (or other marking tool), measure and mark the center of each side of the fabric by measuring and dividing by two. Draw lines to connect the marks - where the lines meet is the center of the fabric.



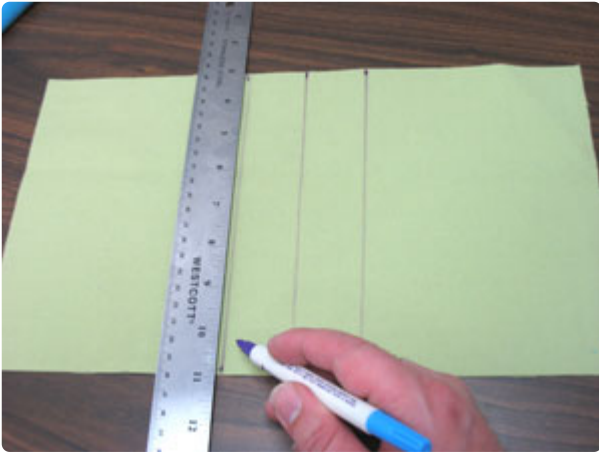
Create a paper template of the design by printing it at full size using embroidery software. If you don't have embroidery software, you can cut a piece of paper the shape and dimensions of the design to help with placement and centering. Poke a hole in the center of the templates and align them with the center points on the fabric. Make sure the design fits well within the shape. There should be at least two inches between the edges of the designs and the edges of the fabric.

Spray a piece of cutaway stabilizer with temporary adhesive and smooth the fabric on top. Hoop the fabric and stabilizer together by aligning the marks on the hoop with the lines on the fabric. Attach the hoop to the machine and load the design. Move the hoop so that the needle is directly over the center point on the fabric. Embroider the design. When the design has finished, unhoop the fabric and trim the stabilizer around the edges of the fabric (we are leaving the stabilizer in place to give the pocket stiffness). Repeat the embroidery process for each end pocket fabric piece.

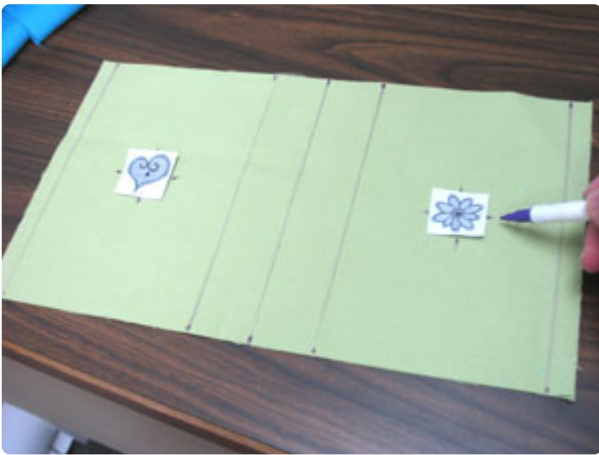


To prepare the fabric for the side pockets (the pockets along each long side of the caddy) cut two pieces of fabric 14 inches wide by 8 inches high. Mark the center of each long side by measuring and dividing by two. Then, draw a line to connect the marks.





Now, measure and mark out 1 1/2 inch along both sides of the line you just drew. Draw lines connecting these marks as well.



Measure and mark in 1/2 inch along the top and bottom edge starting at each corner. Draw lines connecting these marks. Create paper templates of the designs and center them in between the inner lines and the top and bottom edges of the fabric by measuring and dividing by two. Poke a hole in the center of the templates and mark the fabric. Also, mark the horizontal and vertical axis points. Remove the templates and draw lines to connect the axis points. Hoop the fabric with cutaway stabilizer and embroider the designs.



To prepare the fabric for the back of the pockets, lay each pocket (the end and side pockets - four total) over the fabric, trace and cut out the shapes. Align the back fabric with the backside of the embroidered fabric pieces and pin in place. Also, wrap bias tape around the top edges of the pockets, trim, and pin in place. On each pocket, sew a seam along the bottom edge of the bias tape and a 1/8 inch seam along the sides and bottom of the pocket.



To create the pleats on the end pockets, mark 1/2 inch intervals starting 1 1/2 inches in at each bottom corner.



Pinch and fold the fabric at the center marks and bring the inner marks out to meet the outer marks. Pin the fabric and sew a few stitches at the bottom edge of each pleat to tack them in place.



To create the pleats on the side pockets, pinch and fold the fabric in between the inner line and outer lines (the lines right next to the center line).



Align the outer lines with the center line and pin in place.



To prepare the fabric for the outer shell of the caddy, cut two pieces of fabric $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide by $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches high (for the ends). Then, cut two pieces of fabric to $10\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide by $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches high (for the sides) and cut one piece of fabric to $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide by $10\frac{3}{4}$ inches high (for the bottom).



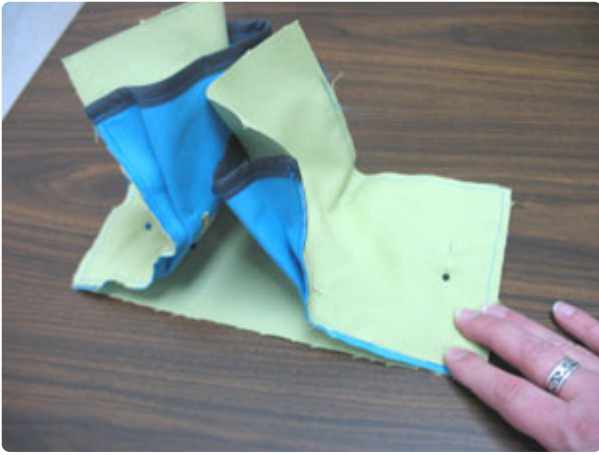
Cut a piece of heavy weight fusible interfacing 4 1/2 inches wide by 9 3/4 inches high. Align it on the wrong side of the outer shell bottom panel fabric piece with about 1/2 inch of fabric around the outside edge of the interfacing. Flip the fabric and interfacing so that the interfacing is right side up and press it in place with an iron.



Align each pocket with its corresponding end and side fabric piece. Align each pocket with the bottom edge of each fabric piece leaving about one inch of excess outer shell fabric at the top of the pocket. Pin in place and sew a 1/8 inch seam around the sides and bottom of the pocket.



Create a separation in the side pockets by sewing a seam down the center line (in between the folds) as far down as you can go.



Now it is time to assemble the caddy! Lay the bottom panel flat with the wrong side down (bottom side up). Then, align the bottom edges of the end pockets with the short ends of the bottom panel, right sides facing. Pin in place and sew a 1/4 inch seam along the pinned edges.



Lay the end pockets flat and align the long bottom edge of one of the side pockets with the far side of the bottom panel (the side farthest from you) with the right sides facing. The bottom corners of the side pocket will extend out about 1/2 inch past the seams of the end pockets.

Pin in place and sew a 1/4 inch seam starting and stopping about 1/2 inch from each bottom corner.



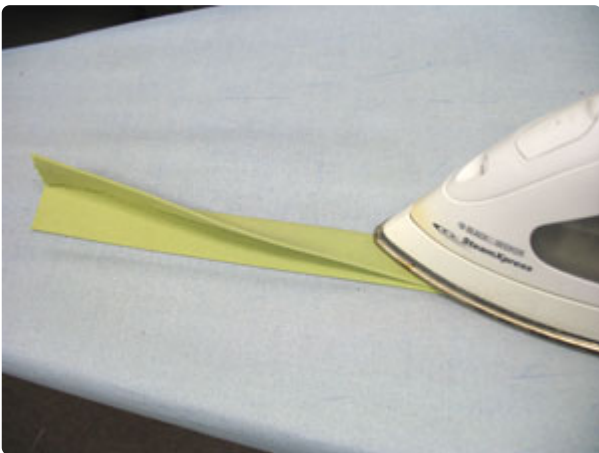
Lay the end pockets and the side pocket flat and add the remaining side pocket to the opposite side of the bottom panel, right sides facing. Pin in place and sew a seam just as you did for the other side.



Align the sides of the pockets together at each corner, right sides facing. Pin in place and sew 1/4 inch seams along each pinned edge. Then, turn the outer shell right side out.



To create the handle, cut a piece of fabric 4 inches wide by 15 inches long. Fold the long edges in to meet in the center and press.



Fold the fabric again with the long folded edges together and press. Sew a 1/8 inch seam along each long edge.



We added a bias tape stripe to our handle. To do this, cut a 15 inch length of bias tape and pin it in place in the center of the handle. Sew $\frac{1}{8}$ inch seams along the outer edges of the bias tape.



To prepare the inner lining, cut pieces of fabric to the same dimensions as the outer shell: cut two pieces of fabric $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide by $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches high (for the ends), cut two pieces of fabric $10\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide by $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches high (for the sides) and cut one piece of fabric $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide by $10\frac{3}{4}$ inches high (for the bottom).

Assemble the inner lining just as you did for the outer shell - leave the outer shell turned wrong side out.



Insert the outer shell inside the inner lining with the right sides together. Align the top edges together and pin in place. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam along the top edge leaving about 2 inches open on the center of one of the sides (for the handle) and about 5 inches open on center of the opposite side (for turning).



Turn the caddy right side out and press the top seam. Then, turn the opening in 1/4 inch and insert the ends of the handle in between the two layers of fabric at the center of each side. Pin in place and top stitch a 1/8 inch seam around the entire top edge of the caddy.



Your bath caddy is now complete!