

“Mod About You Laptop Bag”



With bright prints and a hip embroidered flap, this laptop bag is as modern in its looks as it is in its function! Create geometric patterns using Décor Interactives™ from Designer's Gallery®, to make a laptop bag that is truly you!

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

Baby Lock® Sewing/Embroidery machine

Décor Interactives (installed)

Laptop bag pattern (Simplicity 4391, view D was used)

Fabrics as required for pattern/view chosen

¼ - ½ yd. solid coordinating fabric for flap (if a patterned fabric is used for the bag)

Notions as required for chosen pattern/view

All purpose sewing thread

Assortment of embroidery thread

Cut-Away Soft medium stabilizer

Temporary spray adhesive

General sewing supplies

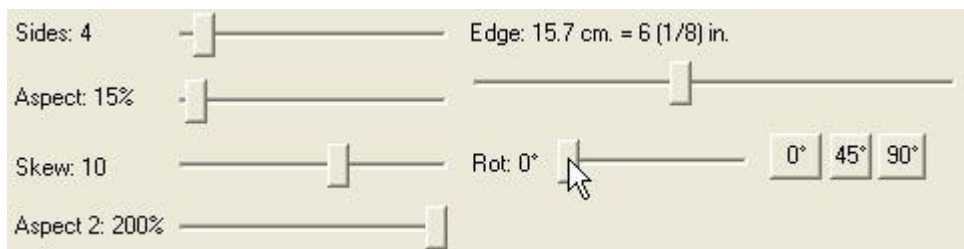
Instructions:

General Preparation:

1. Following the pattern instructions, cut out the pattern pieces needed to construct the bag. Remember, if you are using a coordinating fabric for the flap, cut the flap piece from that fabric.
2. Mark pattern pieces as directed and set aside.

Creating the Design

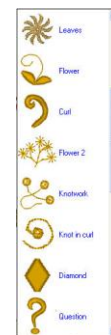
1. Determine the size of your design area based on the size of the flap for the bag you have chosen. The flap of the bag used in this project was 14" x 9". You want your embroidery area to be slightly smaller, so a 10" x 6" design area was used. This allows for a nice border around the design.
2. Determine the number of blocks you prefer to fill the design area. Divide the number of blocks into the design area. For example, 6 blocks were used for this design area so 10 is divided by 6, giving an individual block width of 1 2/3".
3. From the number of blocks used to create the design area, 2 blocks will be the 3 sided pieces, the remaining blocks will be 4 sided.
4. Launch Interactives and select Décor Interactives from the selection window.
5. Under **Pieces to use:** remove the check mark from the **Wallpaper** and **Frame Stitching** selections.
6. Create the 4 sided blocks first by clicking on the **Frame Shape** tab. Click the arrow in the shape selection box to expand it and select **Polygon** from the list.
7. Using the slide bars, make the adjustments as shown in the illustration below:



8. Select the **Inner Design** tab and click the arrow in the design selection box to see all the choices. Select **Wallpaper** from the list.
9. Set the **Clip** function to **Partial**. This will allow your wallpaper fill to create the borders for the shape.



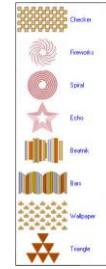
10. There is absolutely no right or wrong with this step. Simply select the design from the design selection box to fill your shape, play with the settings moving the slide bars and save when you get one you like. The hard part is deciding which ones to put on your bag!



11. Next, create the triangle blocks for the outer sections of the design area. Select the **Frame Shape** tab and use the slide bars to make the adjustments as shown in the illustration below:




12. Select the design from the inner design selection box to fill your shape. Play with the settings by moving the slide bars. Save when you get one you like. Remember you only need 2 outer sections so try not to save too many!



13. If the designs are not already on the proper media for your machine, transfer them to the proper media.

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Embroidery and Assembly

1. Load the designs into your machine. Use your Baby Lock sewing/embroidery machine's edit function to arrange them in the desired position. See diagram:



2. Hoop Cut Away stabilizer and spray with spray adhesive.
3. With a removable marking tool, mark the center placement of the design on the flap.
4. Attach the flap piece to the hooped stabilizer, centering the placement mark.
5. Embroider the design using your choice of thread colors. When finished, remove the hoop from the machine and trim any jump stitches.
6. Trim stabilizer close to the stitching.
7. Following the pattern/view instructions for bag you have chosen, finish constructing your bag.
8. Slid your laptop in and go in style to your next software class!

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