

## Projects > From Our House to Yours Holiday Gift Bag

Create a clever gift bag with our Brother Free Design of the Month. Use simple built-in frame shapes from your Brother machine to build the basics of your house, and then decorate as much as you like with trims and decorative stitches. Our Free wreath design becomes the door decoration for this easy, home style felt bag. It is perfect for filling with something special like homemade goodies, candy or other small gifts. For the final touch, embroider a custom crafted greeting using built-in fonts from your Brother machine.

### Materials and Supplies

- [Brother](#) Embroidery machine and Brother Sewing machine or a Brother Sewing and Embroidery Combination Machine.
- [Brother Stabilizers](#), Cut-Away and Tear-Away
- [Brother Embroidery Thread](#), [Bobbin Thread](#), & [Embroidery Needle](#)
- [SA186](#) Brother Open Toe embroidery Foot
- Brother FREE design of the month, Small Holiday Wreath. Sized for the 4-inch hoop.
- Temporary spray adhesive made exclusively for machine embroidery.
- Basic sewing notions including sewing thread.
- Clear, quick drying fabric glue.

### Fabrics and Notions for Gift Bag

- Gold or tan felt for bag front and back, two pieces measuring 9-inch X 12-inches.
- White cotton tone on tone print for door, one piece measuring 3-inch X 6-inches.
- Thin, fusible craft fleece for door, one piece measuring 3-inch X 6-inches.
- White cotton tone on tone print for creating covered button, one piece measuring 8-inch X 8-inches. Note: Apply lightweight fusible interfacing to the wrong side of this piece.
- Felt for accents and tag, two pieces of red and one piece of green, measuring 8-inches X 8-inches square.
- 3/8-inch ribbon to trim door, one piece measuring 45-inches long.
- Medium rick rack or similar trim for roof, one piece measuring 22-inches long.
- Small ribbon pieces and novelty trims for front.
- One Cover Button kit, size 1 1/2-inch (3.8cm).

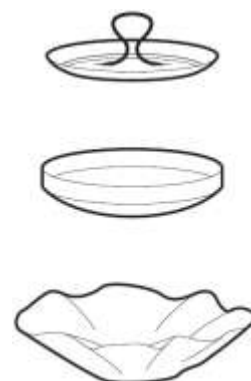
### Instructions for Button Cover

1. Hoop the 8-inch X 8-inch interfaced cotton using the 4-inch hoop. Slip a piece of tear away under the hoop. Embroidery the wreath design.
2. Remove tear away and press the finished piece. Cut a circle around the wreath design, using the template included with the button kit. Center design over button shell. Finish making the button following the directions included with the button kit. Set aside for later use.

\*See **Figure #1**.



Figure #1

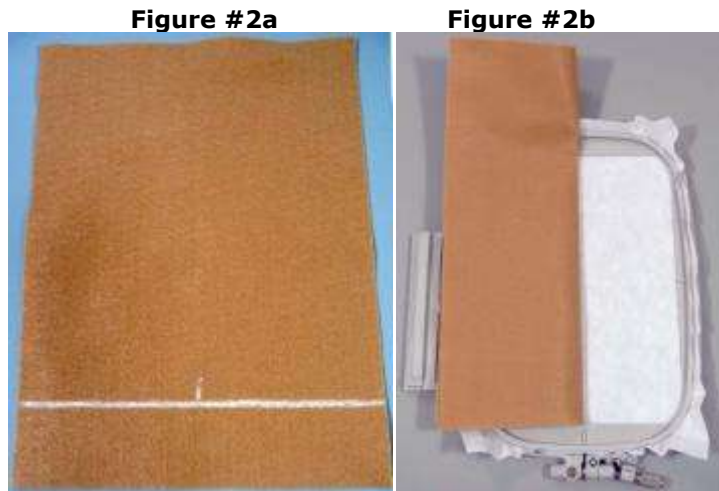


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## Instructions for the Door Design

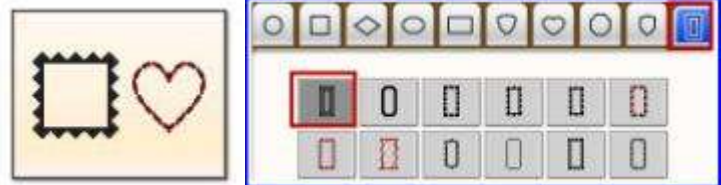
**Important Note:** The following instructions are written for machines with Edit Mode capability and a 5 X 7 hoop. For machines with 4-inch hoop size and no Edit mode, please read the tips below:

- For machines with a 4-inch Hoop capability you can choose to create the door appliqué by cutting and then manually stitching a rectangle on the front of the bag.
- For another option, position the front felt piece in the 4-inch hoop centering the location for the 3.80" X 1.87" rectangular frame above the marked line. To correctly position the frame it is helpful to make a paper template to use for alignment. See photo below.
- To stitch the two different frame patterns without Edit mode, stitch the frames in two separate steps, leaving fabric in the hoop.

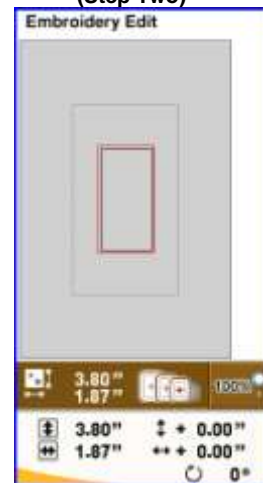


**Figure #3**

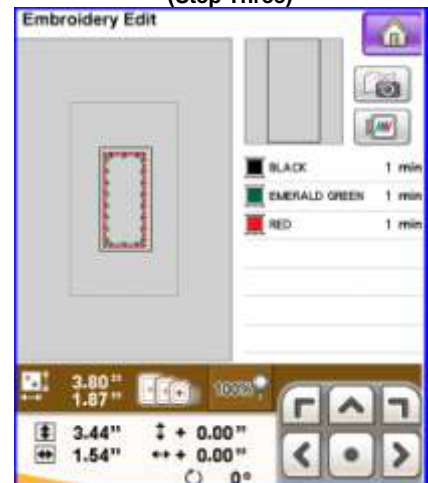
(Step One)



(Step Two)



(Step Three)



1. Select one of the tan pieces to use for the front. Using a removable marker, mark a line 2 ¼-inches from the lower edge. \*See **Figure #2a**. Hoop a piece of cutaway stabilizer using the 5-inch X 7-inch hoop. Spray the stabilizer with the temporary spray. Center the felt over the stabilizer. \*See **Figure #2b**.
2. Fuse the 3-inch X 6-inch craft fleece to the wrong side of the corresponding white fabric.
3. At the machine, create rectangles to form the door design following steps below:
  - Step One: Select a rectangular frame shape using the triple straight stitch pattern.
  - Step Two: Resize the shape to equal 3.80" X 1.89" (9.7cm X 4.8cm).
  - Step Three: Add a second rectangular frame shape, selecting a decorative stitch pattern. Resize frame to fit inside the door. We resized the stitch to equal 3.44" X 1.44" (8.8cm X 3.9cm). \*See all steps in **Figure #3**.

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4. Embroider the door design as follows:

- Step One: Place the hoop on the machine and center the white rectangle in the area just above the marked line.
- Step Two: Embroider the straight stitch frame. Carefully trim fabric outside the stitches using curved tip scissors.
- Step Three: Embroider the decorative stitch frame within the trimmed edges.

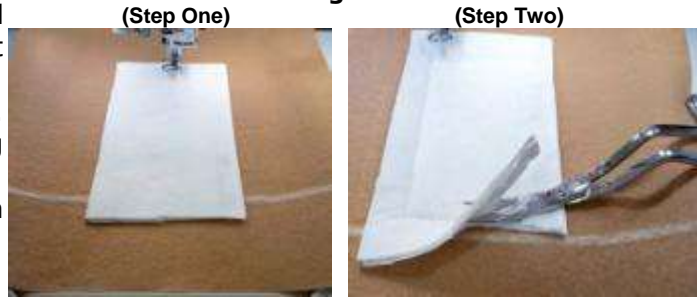
\*See all steps in **Figure #4**.

5. Remove bag front from the hoop. Trim away excess stabilizer. You will cover the raw edge with ribbon in a later step. Set aside temporarily.

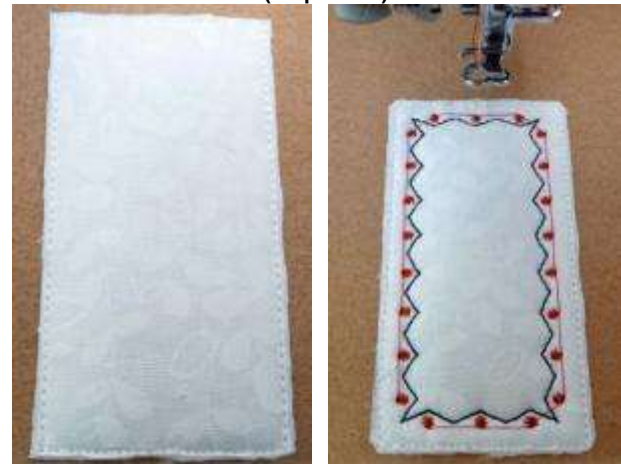
6. Embroider a greeting on a piece of red felt. Trim to size and then glue or stitch a second piece of matching felt to the back.



**Figure #4**



**(Step Three)**



## Create Decorative Accent Shapes

1. Begin by making a large diamond shape using the triple straight stitch pattern from the built in frame patterns. Stitch the shape on the green felt using a 4-inch hoop. Use the same method to create one oval with a piece of red felt. See sizing below. Cut the diamond shape just outside the stitching lines, and then cut in half to form two triangles for small trees. Cut the oval in half to form two pieces for planters.

\*See **Figure #5**.

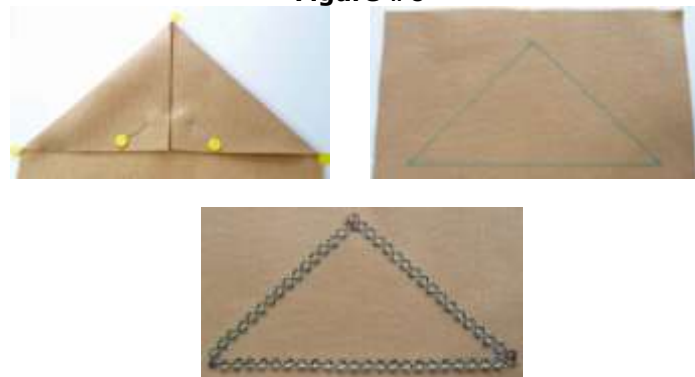
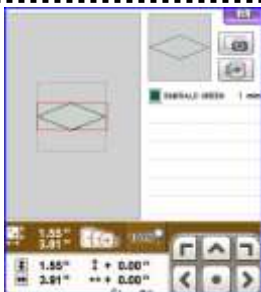
**Figure #5**



**Figure #6**

Size the triangle shape to equal 1.55" X 3.91" (3.9cm X 9.9cm).

Size the oval shape to equal 1.39" X 1.97" (3.5cm X 5.0cm).



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2. Fold the bag to determine the roofline. Mark lines for trim 1-inch from the edges. Position trim along marked lines \*See **Figure #6**.

### Instructions for Finishing the Bag

1. Set up machine for sewing with open toe foot. Stabilize the wrong side with tear-away. Sew trim for roofline. Sew ribbon around the door frame. Place shapes on the bag front, add ribbon for tree trunk and temporarily secure with fabric glue. Sew pieces to bag using decorative stitches, adding trims as desired. Remove excess stabilizer. Hand sew the wreath covered button above the door to complete the front.\*See **Figure #7**.
2. Shape the bottom of bag front and back by cutting away a one inch square from the bottom corners. \*See **Figure #8**.
3. Switch to the "J" foot. Sew the side seams, having right sides together and using a 1/4-inch seam allowance. Sew the bottom seam. Next, fold the bottom corners so the raw edges are even. Sew the openings closed, forming boxed corners in the process. \*See **Figure #9a**.
4. Form a loop using a 2-inch piece of the 3/8-inch ribbon and attach to the corner of the tag. Cut the remaining length of 3/8-inch ribbon in half. Attach one piece of ribbon to the back bag, at the top edge of each side seam. Fold top of bag to the back to form roof. Fill bag with treats or gift and tie to close. \*See **Figure #9b**.
5. Use a safety pin to attach tag to bag front. Remove all markings.

You are finished!

#### Options and Ideas:

- Use this same house design as the base for a pillow or wall hanging. As an option you could embroider the wreath design directly on the door fabric before creating the frame.
- Add a personalized touch by adding a family or personal name to the tag.

Figure #7



Figure #8

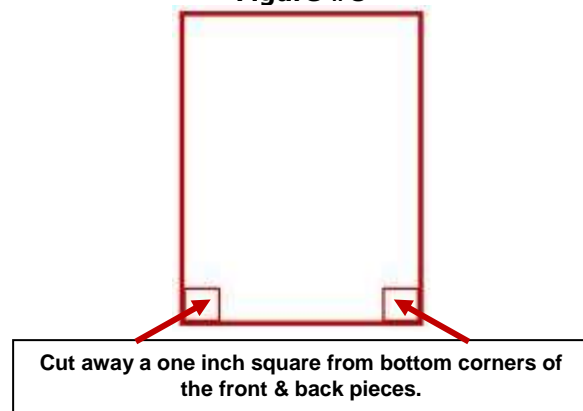


Figure #9a

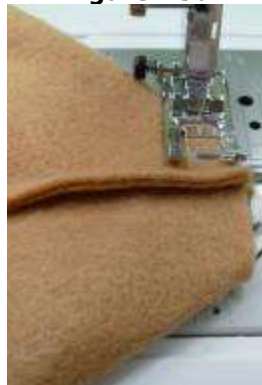


Figure #9b

