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You guessed it – I'm really excited to share today's project with you! Harlow and I had a blast making this produce bag together to use for the Farmers' Market. We totally lucked out because there is a market held every Monday, just two blocks from our apartment! They have awesome produce, prepared food, music and kids' activities each week! It's pretty awesome!

For this project, I thought that labeling these bags using the built-in ScanNCut Machine designs would be perfectly paired with the Heat Applied Materials. Harlow picked out Flocking and Glitter for the apple design, so it was pretty snazzy. The great thing about the mesh material is that it stretches and doesn't fray.

MATERIALS:

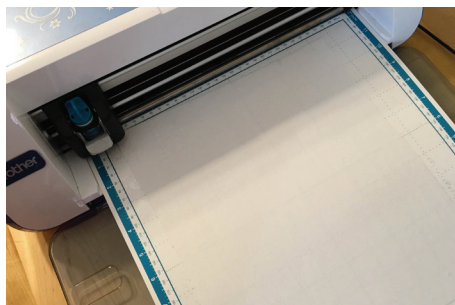
Brother ScanNCut Machine, Standard Mat, Standard Blade, Fabric Support Sheet, Heat Applied Materials, Cotton Canvas, Mesh Material - about 1/3 to 1/2 yard, 1/2" Double Bias Tape, Sewing Machine and Accessories

- step 1.** The first thing we will do is cut out the cotton canvas that will hold our image label. The label will sandwich the mesh material. I love the idea of the perimeter of the label getting frayed with use and wash, so I allowed (and encouraged) that as I removed my labels from my mat and sewed them on.



I used the built in rectangle shape with rounded corners. They are 4" x 2.75".

- step 2.** Place your Fabric Support Sheet on the Standard Mat. Place the canvas on the mat and load into your ScanNCut Machine.



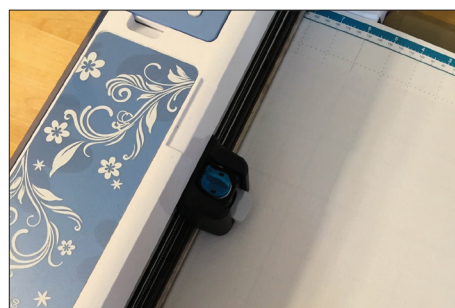
Tip: If you are having difficulty seeing the white canvas in your background scan, change the background from the grey option (less saturated) to full color to see the outlines a bit better.



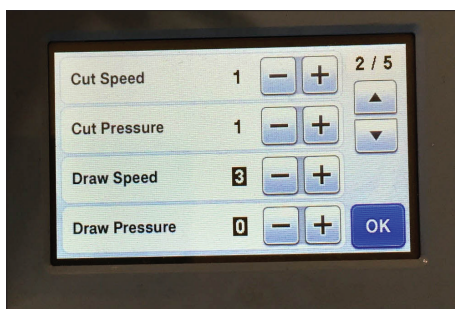
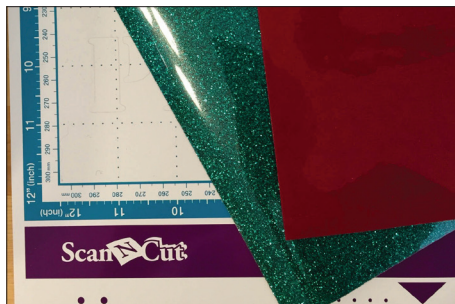
- step 3.** Cut out the labels.



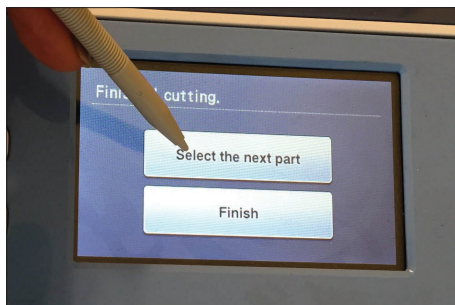
*My favorite cut settings:
Depth: 3
Pressure: 5
Speed: 1*



step 4. Next, we will cut the Heat Applied Material.



*My favorite cut settings for Glitter and Flock:
Depth: 4-5
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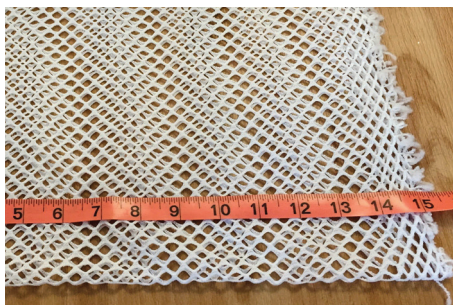


If you are cutting a design with multiple colors, resize the image first. Select the color to start with and upon completion, your ScanNCut will give you the options seen in the photo at left. Be sure to choose "Select the next part" to keep your changes (resizing, mirroring) when cutting the remaining pieces.

step 4. Layer the Heat Applied Material and iron to adhere to canvas. Use a piece of scrap cotton fabric between the transfer plastic and your iron. Set aside.

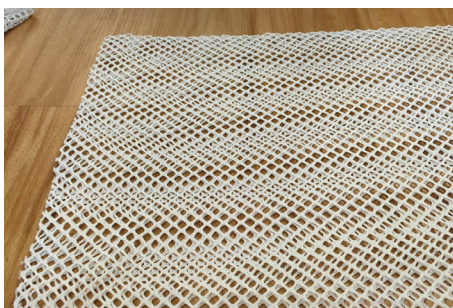


step 5. Now we will cut the mesh fabric for our bag. The fold will be at the bottom of the bag and will allow it to stretch. I measured this at about 14" wide.

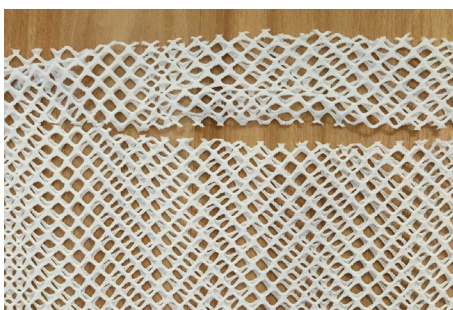


Tip: Cut slowly through a line of mesh hole to ensure a straight edge.

step 6. Trim the sides and top.



step 7. Next, cut the handle. Measure about 1.5" from the top and cut a straight line. Start and end about 1.5-2" from the edges.



step 8.

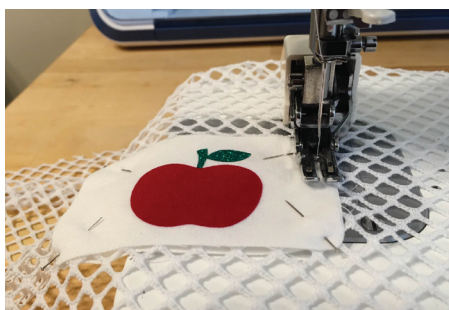


After you've cut the fabric for the bag, open it up to lay flat, so we can pin the label.

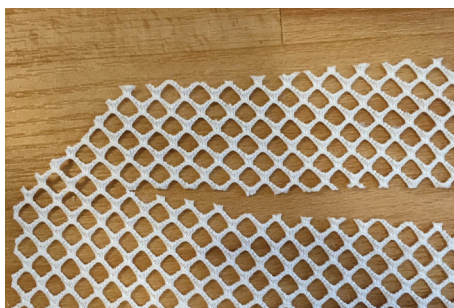
step 9. Sandwich the labels on either side of the mesh. Pin in place.



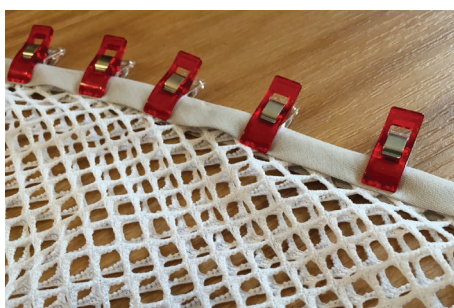
step 10. Because this mesh has such large holes, we want to use a tiny stitch length to ensure our needle hits every bit of fabric that it can! Sew around the perimeter of the label at about 1/4" from the edges.



step 11. Trim the top corners from your bag. This will allow the bias tape to curve around those edges, giving us a nice, finished perimeter.

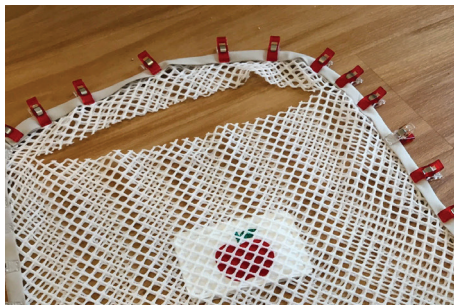


step 12.



Starting at the bottom fold of your bag, clip the bias tape in place. You can use pins, but the thickness of the fabric makes that difficult. If you don't have quilt clips, tiny duck bill clips can work as well.

step 13. Continue working your way around the perimeter of the bag.



step 14. When you've got the bias tape in place, sew around the edges of it. You just need to make sure you grab both edges of the tape. Again, using a small stitch length will ensure you hit all the small lines of fabric.



Now, make your way to the Farmers' Market! This bag is fully reversible, and you could even make the labels different (apple on one side, carrot on the other) if you desire. Text labels work as well. (I just recommend working glitter into it, somehow!) Have fun! I can't wait to see your finished projects!

