



## Sew a Stylish Manicure Nail Bag

This manicure bag is so much fun to sew! Not only is this a great bag for travel, it makes a perfect gift. I've also presented this as a *Video Sew-A-Long* that you can find at the Brother sewing blog, **Stitching Social**. Although there are clickable links throughout these instructions, if you've printed this PDF, you can start the Video Sew-A-Long at:

<http://blog.brothersews.com/sew-a-long/video-sew-a-long-manicure-bag-angela-wolf-introduction/>

Enjoy sewing your new bag! Be sure to join me on social media and post photos of your bag! I would love to see your creativity!



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# Supplies:

## Sewing Machine Feet

Standard Foot  
Non-Stick Foot  
Zipper Foot

## Special Tools:

Fabric Clips

## Fashion Floral Fabric

- A. Cut 2 - 9" by 16" -this is main piece for inside and outside of bag)
- B. Cut 1 - 14" by 5 ½" - for elastic pouch on inside of bag

## Solid Color Fabric

- C. Cut 1 - 9"x8" (for outside of bag and embroidery "nails" onto top half)
- D. Cut 1 - 9"x4" (for inside of bag center)

## Vinyl

- E. Cut 1 - 9" by 2" - Top piece
- F. Cut 1 - 9" by 4" - Middle piece
- G. Cut 1 - 9" by 4" Bottom

## Fusible Fleece

Cut 1 - 9" by 16" (for A)

## Fusible Interfacing

Cut 1 - 9" by 16"  
Cut 1 - 9" by 4" (for D)  
Cut 1 - 9" by 8" (for C)

## Metallic Zippers

2 - 7" or 8" (regular)  
1 - 18" or longer (separating)

## Elastic ¼" wide

Cut 1pc - 9" long



## Sewing Machine

THE Dream Machine 2 Innov-ís XV8550D is used.

## Cutting Layout

All of the pieces are rectangular so it should be easy to line up each piece on the grainline. Label each piece as you go with the piece letters on painters tape.

## Stabilizing the Fabric

Fuse the interfacing to the back of pieces A, C, and D.

## Embellishing

If you want to customize your nail bag, you could embroider a word or name with metallic thread. Consider adding "NAILS" or a monogram with metallic thread. Another idea is to use the ScanNCut2 and design an Applique or apply rhinestone embellishments.



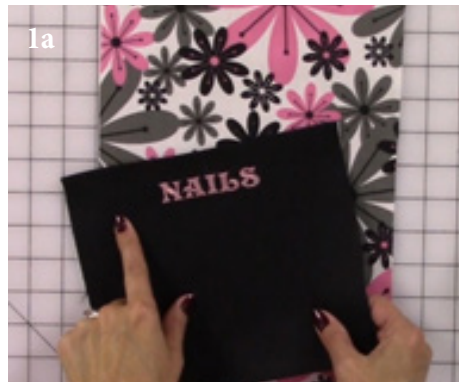
Click here to watch how I embellished with metallic thread, or go to: <http://blog.brothersews.com/embroidery/video-positioning-embroidered-metallic-letters/>

# Step by Step

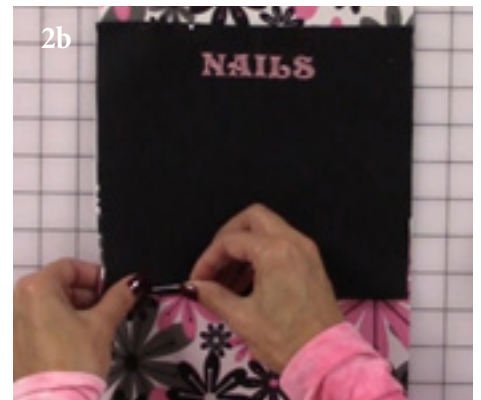
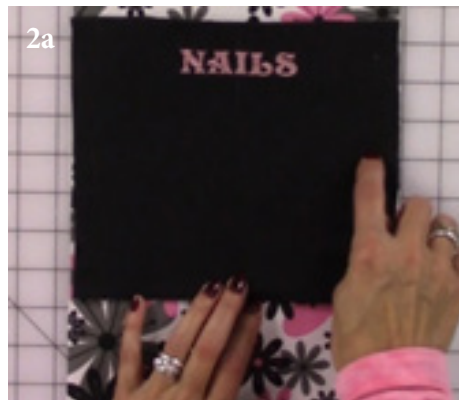
Outside of Bag – Click here to follow along with video: [Part 1 of the Nail Bag Sew-a-long](#)

This step includes **Piece A** with the fusible fleece interfacing and **Piece C** with regular interfacing.

1. Locate the 9" sides of **Piece C**. Fold under each of these edges  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and press.



2. Aligning the side seams, line up **Piece C** onto the center of **Piece A**. Pin in place.



3. Topstitching  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge of the fold.



**Designer Tip:** Use a decorative stitch with metallic thread. For this bag I used a triple stitch, sometimes called the stretch stitch.

**Inside of the Bag- Sewing Elastic Pouches – Click here to follow along with video: Part 2 of the Nail Bag Sew-a-long**

4. On one of the long sides of **Piece B**, fold under raw edge 1/4" and press. Fold under edge another 1/2" and press.



5. Stitch folded edge in place.



6. Insert elastic into casing. Stitch along each side, securing elastic in place.



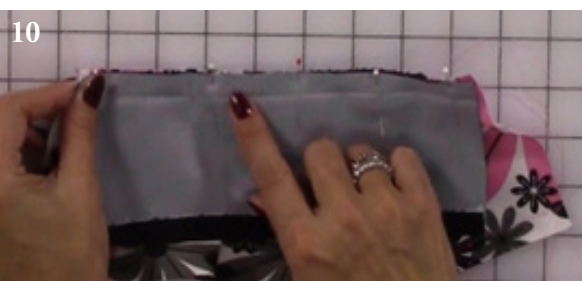
7. On the opposite side, run 2 rows of basting stitches along raw edge of fabric.



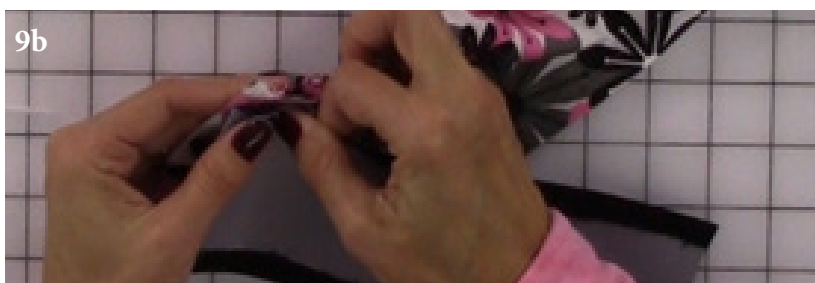
8. Gather basting stitches.



9. Line up the gathered edge with **Piece D**. Pin.



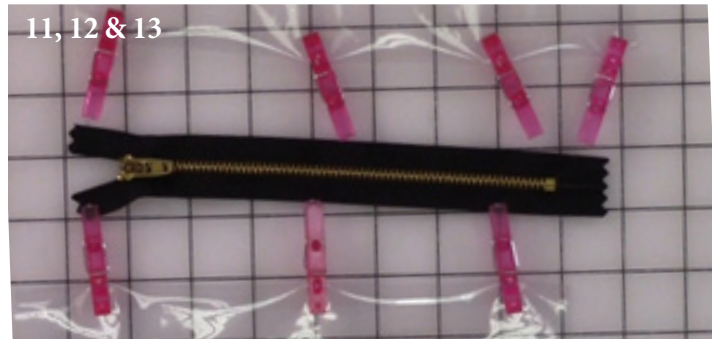
10. Stitch with 1/2" seam allowance.



**Inside of the Bag: Sewing Vinyl and Zippers – Click here to follow along with video:  
Part 3 of the Nail Bag Sew-a-long**

**SET UP SEWING MACHINE FOR 3.0 OR 3.5 STITCH LENGTH AND USE NON-STICK FOOT**

11. Layout all three vinyl pieces E, F & G, and the 7" zippers.
12. Starting with vinyl top **Piece E**, Use fabric clips to fold under one long edge.
13. Fold under one long edge of middle vinyl **Piece F**.
14. Stitch zipper in place along each fold as shown below.



15. Fold under lower edge of middle vinyl **Piece F**, add fabric clips.

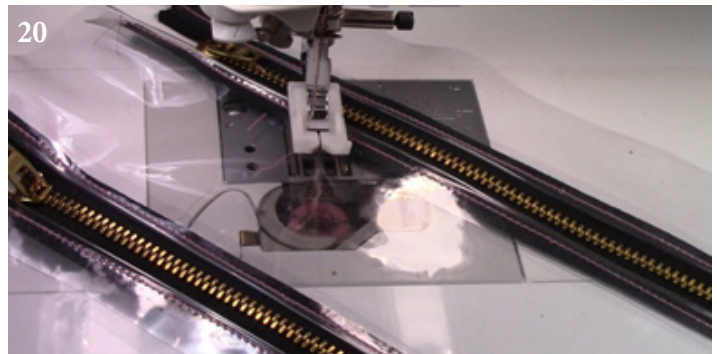
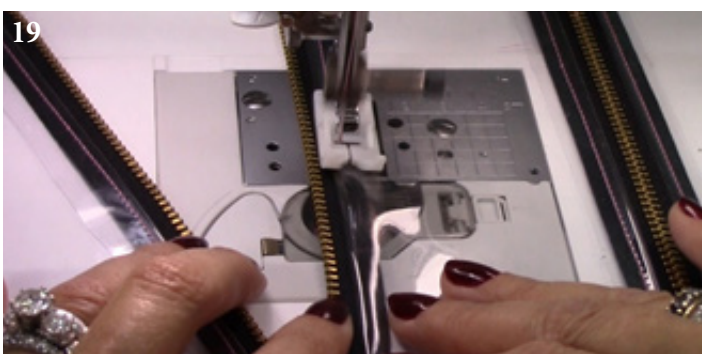
16. Fold under one long edge of bottom vinyl **Piece G**, add fabric clips to hold in place.

17. Align 2nd zipper with folded edges of vinyl.

18. Line up folded edge of **Piece E** vinyl with one side of zipper.

19. Stitch along folded edge of the vinyl.

20. Line up one of the folded edges of **Piece F** with other side of zipper teeth. Stitch.



21. Line up the top edge of vinyl section with one side of **Piece A**.

22. Trim off any excess vinyl to match **Piece A**.

23. Use fabric clips to attach vinyl section to one side of **Piece A**. Lining up top edge of **Piece E** and sides of whole piece.



24. Stitch along top edge of zipper as shown.

25. Stitch along entire short edge of vinyl piece, attaching vinyl piece to **Piece A**.

26. Pin **Piece D** in the center of **Piece A**.

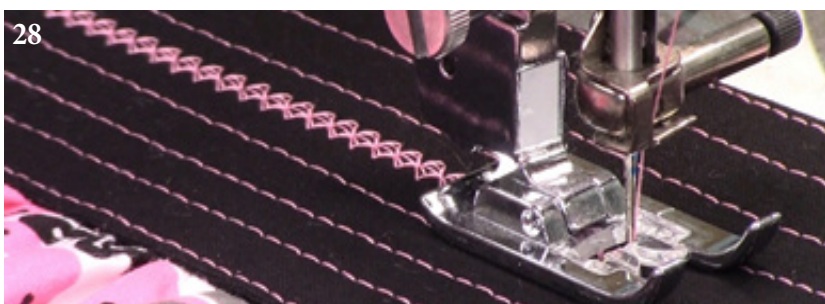


**Inside of the Bag: Decorative Stitching – Click here to follow along with video: Part 4 of the Nail Bag Sew-a-long**

27. Stitch along edges of **Piece D**.



28. Continue to add rows of stitching along **Piece D** as shown. Consider adding your own custom designer touch with decorative stitches!



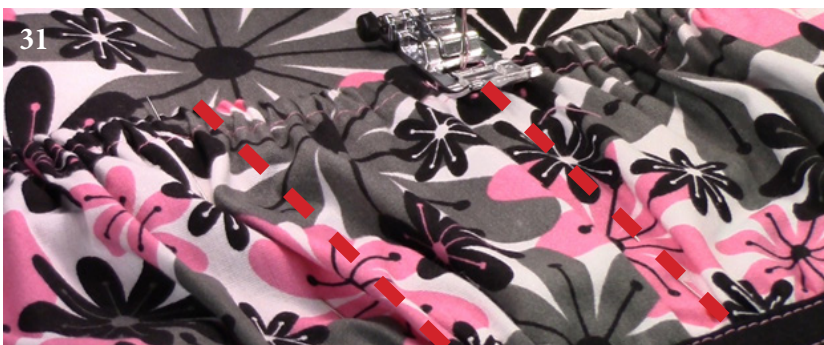
29. Stitch along sides of **Piece A** securing elastic and pouches (see *red dotted lines*) in place.



30. Determine how wide you want the pouches for polish, remover, or whatever you want to place in the slots and mark a line with chalk or place a pin at the top and bottom edges.



31. To create pouches, stitch a straight line from the elastic to the black center piece (see *red dotted lines*), avoiding pins if you used them to mark your lines.



**Attaching Exposed Zipper and Closing the Bag – Click here to follow along with video:  
Part 5 of the Nail Bag Sew-a-long**

32. Open the 18" Exposed Separating Zipper.

33. Pin one side of separating zipper tape, with zipper teeth facing in, along edge of the outside bag panel **Piece A** as shown to the right.

34. Pin the other side of the separating zipper tape, with zipper teeth facing in, along the other side of **outside Piece A** as shown to the right.



35. Stitch along zipper tape, attaching zipper to the **outside Piece A**.



36. With right sides together, align **outside Piece A** with **inside Piece A**. Pin along edges making sure the zipper is facing inwards all around.

**37. IMPORTANT:** Mark the location of the zipper head in order to prevent stitching over!

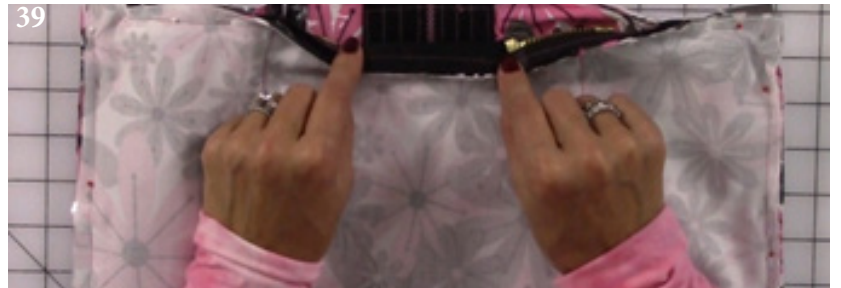


38. Stitch along edge of bag leaving a 4" opening in the side as shown.  
(Note: depending on the thickness of your particular fabric, you might need to leave a larger hole.)

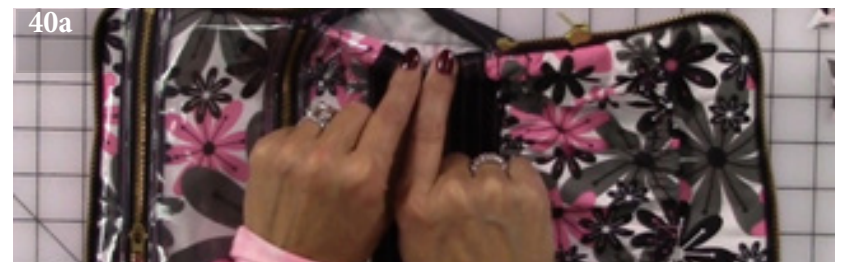
**Tip:** Follow along the stitch line from sewing in the exposed zipper.



39. Reach in the 4" opening and turn the bag right side out, poking out all the edges. Gently pull on the separating zipper all the way around to make sure all edges have turned.



40. Hand-stitch the opening closed.





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