

BEADED DECORATIVE BAG

Baby Lock Australia



REQUIREMENTS

- 3 or 4 different colours of silks or similar fabric
Cut 5 strips 4–6.5cm (1 ½" – 2 ½") wide by 38cm (15") long
2 strips 7.5cm x 38cm (3" x 15") for top band and lining
1 strip 4cm x 122cm (1 ½" x 48") for strap
- Polyester/cotton wadding 26.5cm x 38cm (10 ½" x 15")
- Vliesofix 26.5 x 38cm (10 ½" x 15")
- 120cm cord for strap
- Lining fabric 30cm x 115cm
- Button
- Embroidery threads in choice of colours
- 2 spools Moonlight or Cameo thread for cording and bobbin work
- 40cm beaded fringing
- Fasturn tube
- Babylock BL9900 Gold Edition Sewing Machine
- Quilting foot
- Open Toe foot
- Clear foot

Method

Cut 5 strips of fabric in varying sizes from 4 – 6.5cm (1 ½" x 2 1'2") wide by 38cm (15") long. Cut one strip of fabric 7.5cm x 38cm (3" x 15") for top band. Cut 2 pieces of fabric for bag lining 18cm x 19cm (7" x 7 ½"). Cut a piece for pockets if you wish. Cut a piece of wadding 19cm x 37cm (7 ½" x 14 ½").

Cut Vliesofix to fit and iron onto wadding and peel off paper. Place all strips of fabric on top of the Vliesofix making sure they just overlap. Press in place using a pressing mat. Thread the machine with embroidery thread, place the clear foot on and using some of the lovely decorative stitches on the Babylock BL9900 Gold Edition to sew along the edges of the strips using differing colours. I used stitches 60, 63, 65 and 70.

Cording – Cut three lengths of cord double the length of the strip approx. 77cm (30") and using the cording foot place the cords under the black guides. Choose a three step stitch that throws out to a 7mm width so the threads are caught in the stitching. I used stitch #9. This creates a really lovely braid. Sew a couple of rows of cording over the fabric strips.

Bobbin Work – Wind a bobbin with Candlelight thread. Place in the bobbin case in an anti-clockwise direction making sure you don't pull the heavy thread through the tension shim. Close the bobbin cover. Put the quilting foot on the machine and drop the feed dogs. Select a straight stitch and, sewing from the wrong side of your work, stipple along one of the strips.



Tip – As you are working on the wrong side of the fabric, it is easy to keep on the strips as you just keep within the decorative stitched rows. Take the 7.5cm (3") wide band and vliesofix it to the wadding. You may like to use bobbin work on this as well.

Couching – If you have heavy cords that won't feed through the bobbin you may like to couch them to the fabric. Select a zigzag stitch (width and length depends on the type and size of the cord or braid). Colour match the thread to the braid. Place the open toe foot on the machine and sew over the braid.

Construction

All seam allowances are 1cm

Fold the stripped base in half, right sides together and matching the raw edges seam along one side. Pin the bag band to the top and seam. Trim off the top band so that it fits the base. Seam the other side of the bag. Measure 2cm (3/4") down from each of the bottom corners, fold back along the side seam and sew across. This forms a nice base in the bag. Turn right side out.

Lining – Make the pocket and stitch to one side of the base lining. Take two base pieces and with right sides together sew down one side. Pin the band to the top of the base placing right sides together and sew. Trim the band to fit. Sew down the other side of the lining. At the bottom sew across leaving a 10cm (4") gap. Measure in 2cm (3/4") and fold back along the side seam and sew across.

Strap – Take the strip of fabric for the strap and using a 6mm (1/4") seam sew along the edge. If making a corded strap take the piece of cording and using a "Fasturn" tube turner pull the cord through the tube as you turn it inside out. Press and pin to the right side of the bag at the side seams. Sew in place.

Button Loop – Cut a piece of fabric 4cm (1 1/2") wide by 15cm (6") long and sew using a 6mm (1/4") right sides together, seam along the long side. Turn right side out, fold in half and pin to the top of the bag in the middle, sew in place.

Finishing – Place the bag inside the lining right sides together matching the seams at the top. Sew around the top edge. Turn to the right side through the gap at the bottom of the lining. Slip stitch across the opening or alternatively, seam along the very edge of the opening. Press the top edge of the bag to give a nice finish.



Trim – Pin the trim around the bottom edge of the band and sew in place using either a straight stitch, zigzag or decorative stitch over the ribbon.

Sew the button in place. You now have a lovely little bag to take out to dinner.

Baby Lock Computerized Sewing Machines

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Even the most inexperienced seamstress would find this machine easy to use. Just select a stitch and sew! Drop a button into the buttonhole foot and the buttonhole is automatically stitched to fit it.

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Designer Threads Moonlight & Cameo



Moonlight Thread

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