

Directions for Monogrammed Gusset Totebag / February 2003

(This project utilizes letters from our Avant Garde Monogram Set 4.)

Step 1. Print the instructions.

These are .pdf files, and require Adobe Acrobat Reader software in order to view and print.

Step 2. Review instructions and materials required (materials list at the end of these instructions).

Step 3. Merge Designs to create the Monogram.

The Avant Garde Monogram Set 4 consists of 52 designs (A-Z in two versions). 26 designs are two colors - the first color is an oval border, and the second color is a fluid upper-case letter, placed at the lower portion of the oval, with an open space above.

26 additional designs are one color - a compatible letter style which will fit within the open upper space. When combined, two letters create a vertical monogram.

In order to add interest to this project, we also isolated the oval shape within our embroidery software program, tilted it at a 30 degree angle, then mirrored the oval by creating a copy flipped over. These two accents were then reduced approximately 20%, and placed on either side of the two letter monogram combination.

Once you are happy with the placement of the various parts, save the design under a new filename.

Step 4. Embroider the monogram and accents.

The gusset totebag used for this project is made of a medium-weight canvas. Our example is Natural, but the totebag also comes in Black, Navy, Red, and Royal Blue.

We decided to sew the accent designs on either side of the monogram in a neutral tone, just slightly darker than the color of the canvas. This subtle touch creates additional emphasis on the monogram. The accents are still quite visible - the satin stitch shimmers in the light.

Choose a hoop large enough to accommodate the complete design, then hoop the bag along with one layer of medium-weight tearaway stabilizer.

Remove the stabilizer after the design has been embroidered.

We put our design on only one side of the bag, centered on the midpoint of the top edge of the bag, 2 1/2" (65mm) down from the edge. If you wish to have the monogram on each side, rehoop the bag and repeat the embroidery.

Congratulations! Your project is complete.

Sources for Materials

Gusset Tote (15" X 12" X 4"):

Embroider This!

The company has secure online ordering:

<http://www.embroiderthis.com/gussettote.html>