

NEW SHOES

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CUT OUT FABRIC AND FLEECE PIECES:

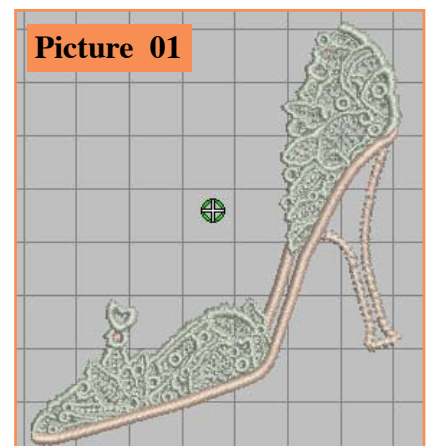
Note: This project used “Girly Girl” from the Hope Sew Pattern collection

1. Fabric pieces were enlarged as follows:
 - Front piece: Cut one 16” x 11”
 - Front pocket: Cut one 16” x 11”
 - Back piece: Cut one 16” x 11”
 - Bottom piece: Cut one 16” x 4”
 - Strap: Cut one 36” x 5”, cut with one long edge along the selvage
 - Lining: 22” x 16”
 - Pocket trim: 32” x 4”
 - Bag trim: 3” wide strips, test with the ruffler to determine how long to make the strips
 - Cut fleece for the front, back, and bottom the same sizes as given above.
 - Cut fleece for the pocket, 16” x 5.5”
 - Cut fleece for the strap to measure 36” x 2”
2. Fuse Armo Weft to the wrong side of the front, front pocket, and back piece.
3. Press a fold line along the top of the front pocket piece.

New shoes do cure the blues! Gather all your buttons, bows, feathers, and glitz and get ready to have some fun while creating this project.

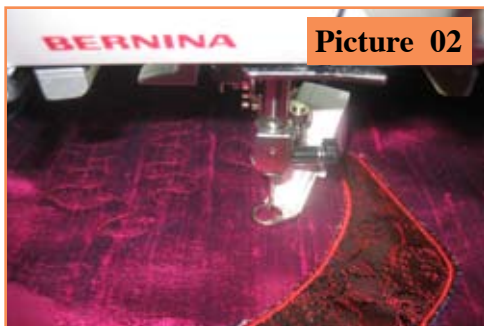
SUPPLIES

- OESD Licensed Collection #885 Head Over Heels by Barbara Music
 - Hope Sew Patterns: Girly Girl
 - OESD Stabil-Stick Cut-Away
 - Isacord thread of your choice of colors
 - Appliqué scissors
 - Printed templates of the designs
 - Medium hoop
 - Large oval hoop
 - Fabric of choice: Several coordinating pieces.
 - Armo Weft interfacing
 - Fleece
4. Use the design templates to position the shoe of your choice on the pocket. Or, for easy placement use embroidery software such as Explorations to create a placement line.
 - Insert the shoe design you plan to use for the pocket.
 - Select the shoe and rotate as desired.
 - Move the shoe so that the uppermost part of the shoe is about 1 cm from the placement line. **See Picture 01**
 5. To stitch design on the pocket, hoop Stabil-Stick Cut-Away with the paper side up. Score and remove the paper and stitch the placement line. Place the fold line of the top of the pocket along the placement line and place the fabric right side up on the stabilizer so that the shoe will stitch on the right side of the pocket. Embroider the shoe.



6. Embroider one shoe in the upper left corner of the front piece and embroider two shoes on the back, placing them as desired on the fabric pieces. Use your printed template(s) for proper placement, marking the location of the center of the design on your fabric. Rotate the designs as desired.
7. Remove the embroidered fabric from the hoop and trim the stabilizer close to the designs.
8. Back each of the embroidered pieces with the fleece.
9. On the pocket, you will place the fleece in between the front and back of the pocket, aligning the top of the fleece with the foldline of the pocket.
10. Place a free-motion presser foot on your machine and stipple around the embroidered design on each piece. Stipple the bottom of the bag, attaching the fleece to the fabric. **See Picture 02**

11. Set up the serger for a 2-thread narrow rolled hem. Mark the pocket trim fabric piece with two lines 1.25" apart. Serge along each line. This will be used for making a trim for the pocket. **See Picture 03**



12. Place a gathering foot on your machine, increase the tension and stitch length to gather the serged trim down the center. **See Picture 04**
13. Place this gathered trim along the top edge of the pocket. Attach the trim to the pocket using a clear sole foot and a honeycomb stitch. Adjust the honeycomb stitch to a width of 4 and a length of 2. **See Picture 05**



14. True all fabric pieces, so that the front and back measure 15" x 10" and the pocket measures 15" x 5" and the bottom measures 15" x 3.5."

15. Follow the instructions in the pattern to sew the front, back, and bottom of the bag together. Use a 1/4" presser foot to attach the pieces. **See Picture 06**
16. Place fleece in the center of the strap on the wrong side. **See Picture 07**
17. Fold over the long raw edge, press in place.
18. Fold over the long edge with the selvage, press. **See Picture 08**





Picture 08

19. Baste down the middle of the strap from the wrong side. **See Picture 09**

20. Turn the piece to the right side and select a favorite decorative stitch.

21. Place a walking foot on the machine and stitch down the center of the strap, using the basting line as a guideline. **See Picture 10**



Picture 09

22. Create bag trim:

- Place a ruffler foot on the machine and set the ruffler so that it tucks with every 6th stitch.
- Decrease the stitch length to 2 and run a test to determine how much a 5" strip measures after tucking.
- Cut a number of strips for the ruffle according to this test. Stitch along the short ends to make a circle.

23. Fold the trim in half along the length and press. Baste the raw edges together, 1/2" from the raw edges.



Picture 10

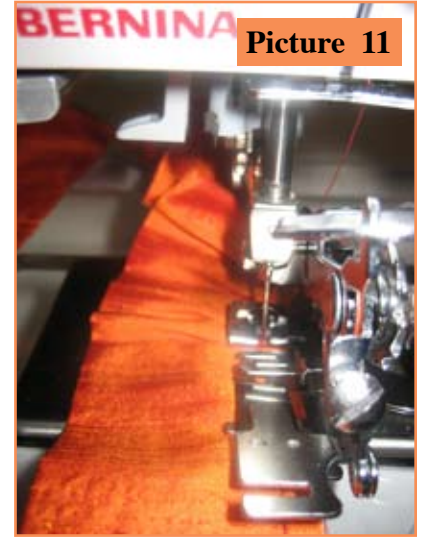
24. Gather the ruffle. You will need a length of ruffles to equal the distance around the top of the bag.

See Picture 11

25. Sew the ruffle trim to the top of the bag. **See Picture 12**

26. Complete the bag and attach the straps following the directions in the pattern. **See Picture 13**

27. To sew the lining opening together, use an edge stitch foot. **See Picture 14**



Picture 11



Picture 12



Picture 13



Picture 14